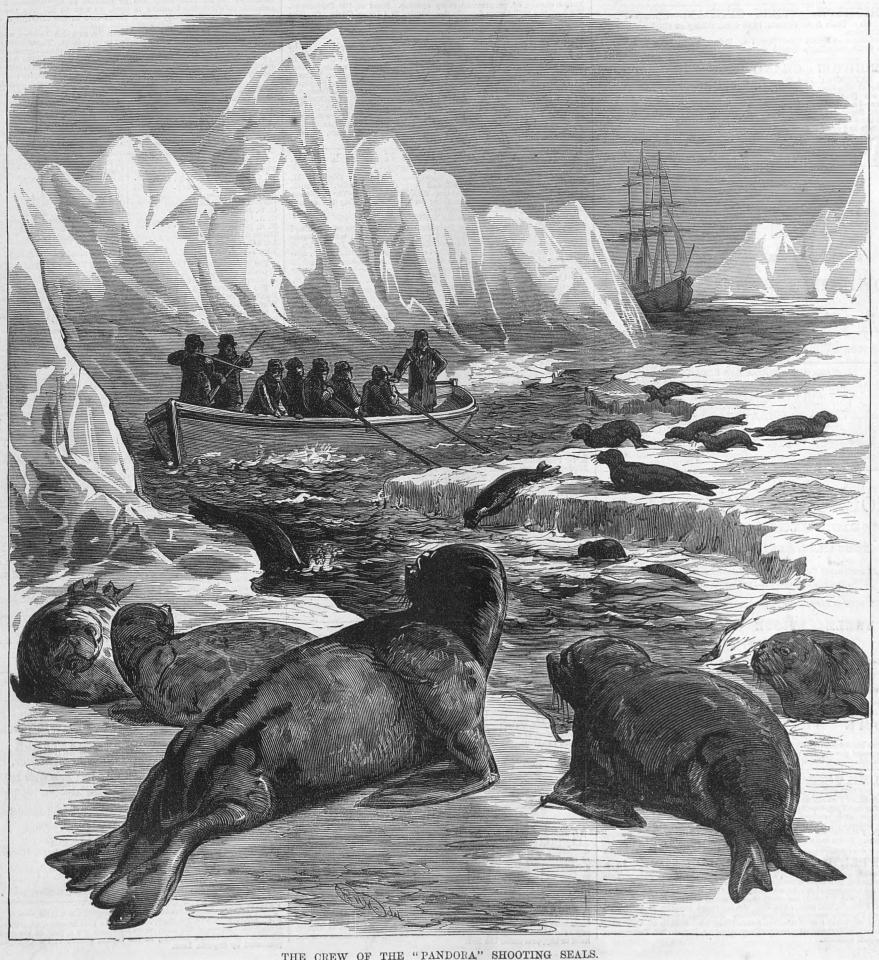


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"Roy."—In "The Channel Feats of Captain Webb and Captain Boyton,"

Roy."—In "The Change published by Dean and Son. SHOOTING.

RICOCHET, Arlington Club.—(1.) According to the rules of American pigeon-shooting, the birds must be on the wing when shot at. All contingencies of miss-fire, non-explosion of cap, gun not cocked, &c., are at the risk of the party shooting. (2.) After the party is at the score and ready to shoot he shall take the bird, or birds, unless barred by the referee. (3.) If our contemporary told you otherwise, he knows as little about the matter as he does of "choke-boring." Express, Calcutta Club.—(1.) A simple apparatus for cutting the bullet of the length and shape required from a round bar of compressed lead can be had of any gunmaker. By this process the uniformity of the density of the metal is better secured than by casting. (2.) Stephen Grant, gunmaker, St. James's-street, London, is, we presume, whom you mean. There is no such firm as Grant and Co., so far as we are aware.

CANINE.

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F. B., Tyro, and Cockney.—You will find your questions answered in our Canine Article.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.—Your letter being a personal attack upon the judges, we must decline to publish it unless you consent to let your name

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and address appear.

H. J.—(1) If you believe that your dog has cancer, consult a good vet.; in the event of your fears being true, there is no chance of an inexperienced person treating the disease successfully. (2) We cannot help you. (3) Compound tineture of bank, 1 oz.; decoction of yellow bank, 7 oz. Dose, two tablespoonfuls twice a day.

ERPLEXED.—We cannot give you the address; it is against our rules.

F. L., Torquay.—Try a mild blister on the chest. Powdered cantharides, 5 drachms; Venice turpentine, 1 oz.; hogs' lard, 4 oz. Rub it over his chest and throat.

T. EMERTON.—Do not give ergot of rye to your bitch; she will do better without it. SEVERAL communications from correspondents have unfortunately been mislaid. They shall have our best attention if the writers will address us

#### OUR SPORTING CALENDAR.

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Friday, Oct. 29.—Newmarket Houghton Meeting. Last day of Tattersall's Sale at Newmarket. Vienna Races. Worcester Club, Quex Park, Barton-on-Humber, Upper Nithsdale (Sanquhar), and Dirleton and North Berwick Coursing Meetings. Billiard Match between Roberts, jun. (champion), and L. Kilkenny (champion of Yorkshire), Bradford.

Saturday, Oct. 30.—Last Day of Newmarket Houghton Meeting. Spencer and Harding v. Winsley and Piper—£25 a side, pair-oared race from Putney Aqueduct to Barnes Railway Bridge. Spartan Harriers—Racing run. Railway Cleearing House Harriers—Slów run. South London Harriers—Cross country run. Football—On Kennington Oval, Surrey v. Middlesex; at Chiselhnrst. West Kent v. Marlborough Nomads. Meadowcroft and O'Mara—440 yards, 630, Manchester. Yeoman and Judson—380 yards, £80, Victoria Grounds, Leeds. Higson and Tattersall—150 yards, 50, Borough Grounds, Preston.

Monday, Nov. 1.—Sale of Hunters, &c., by Tattersall, at Albert-gate. Burgoine and Burwash scull for £40 a side and a £10 bet, Putney to Mortlake.

Tuesday, Nov. 2.—Brighton, West Drayton, and Worcester Meetings. Higgins and Brian scull for £100 a side, Putney to Mortlake. Green and Hepplewhite scull for £100 a side, Putney to Mortlake. Otter Swimming Club's Entertainment at the Marylebone Baths, 7 p.m.

Weddenstander and Meeting (second day). West Drayton and Worcester (second day). Lincoln Meeting (second day). Lewes Meeting (first day). Worcester (last day).

Faiday, Nov. 5.—Lincoln Meeting (third day). Lewes Meeting (second day). Railway Clearing-House Harriers, Torchlight run, 7 p.m.

## THE ILLUSTRATED Sporting and Pramatic Rews.

LONDON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1875.

## Circular Hotes.

THE Earl of Darnley, whose lineage begins—in Burke—with John Bligh (son of William Bligh, of Plymouth), a citizen of London, has reappeared before the public in the character of a polite letter-writer. He regrets that the friendly relationship that has existed between himself, as landlord, and the Mayor of Gravesend, as tenant, "for thirty-two years should be interfered with by this matter of the yeomanry." It will be recollected that Lord Darnley, for reasons best known to himself, retired from the command of the yeomanry in question, and that Mr. Lake, the son of the Mayor, who, for the son of a tenant, appears to be shamefully dense to the promptings of the feudal instinct, did not follow his example. Thereupon it suddenly occurred to Lord Darnley that the farm occupied by Mr. Lake, senior, would be all the better for another tenant. Mr. Lake was not a resident on the farm, and it was essential to the perfect productiveness of the land that a resident should be the cultivator. Such were Lord Darnley's views yesterdayas one might say; to-day he regrets that he ever gave his tenant notice to quit, and hopes that "the friendly relation of landlord and tenant may be re-established on its former footing." The Mayor of Gravesend declines, with thanks. His "sense of honour and independence will not allow him any longer to remain a tenant" on his Lordship's estate. And so the instructive dispute ends. And naturally enough we marvel, as we note its final throes, whether the difference would have ended thus without the intervention of the daily press. What do you think, Lord Darnley? 'Tis an audacious press, as you must admit. The age has grown dreadfully picked. "The toe of the peasant comes so near the heel of the courtier he galls his kibe."

Not a few of "the world wonder'd," twenty years ago, when the Laureate made "hundred" rhyme with the ultimate word of that fragment of a line, and now a good many cynical persons in these islands are laughing at the letter he wrote to the committee of the Balaclava Banquet. And why? Because he said he would "quaff a cup of wine" in honour of the remnants of the Six Hundred. His offence would appear to be that he did not say "a glass of sherry wine" (after the manner of Nicholas, the inimitable), or "a tankard of stout," or, possibly (but we do not insist on this form), a "pot of four-half." And hereby hangs a tale. Some moons since, Mr. Alfred Tennyson was descried at the Royal Academy by a London correspondent in search of an entertaining paragraph. Here was a find! He would follow the bard, and carefully note his conversation. He did follow the bard, for hours; and, at last, was rewarded by hearing Alfred the Great say to his womankind, in tones of suppressed melody, "You look after the children, and I'll go and have some beer." The London Correspondent etired disgusted. He has since been heard to declare that, in his opinion, Longfellow is a greater poet than Tennyson.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found a notice of learn, for we were not present, the celebration passed off as well as could reasonably have been expected. The acoustic properties of the theatre in the Alexandra Palace are far from being perfect, but whether the distinguished tragedian (one of "the six hundred," by-the-way) had to imitate a distinguished comedian, and "stand on the footlights and howl" in order to make himself heard, is more than we can say. We have no doubt that Mrs. Stirling was—Mrs. Stirling. If she was herself, the Laureate may rest assured that his trumpet-lines were declaimed in the most telling fashion. The French warrior's speech might have been in better taste, but who cares ?-we made history for ourselves in the Crimea in our own way, and shall continue to do so, our faithful allies notwithstanding. Altogether, reckoning the headaches of next morning as a mere bagatelle, it was perhaps as well that the Balaclava Banquet did take place. It afforded us a fair opportunity of shaking hands with ourselves all round, and, at all events, provided the cockneys with a most interesting excuse for a day's harmless dissipation.

It is the homilists of the press who have mostly filled the ointment with flies. The mediocre leader-writers, the pompous monitors of the provincial press. Nobody in reason would object to the stately periods of the *Times* (if they be stately), or the effervescing patriotism of the Telegraph, to say nothing of the strictly correct sentiments of the Daily News. We expect them, the occasion warranting their production, in the same way as we look for the weather-chart, or the quotations about grey shirtings. But the provincial reflectors of the London dailies cease to be mildly amusing and become a severe nuisance when they try to think for themselves—as they call it—about a subject they are ridiculously unfamiliar with. We have found scattered up and down the country papers more than enough of this kind of thing: "Even if the charge of the Light Brigade were the most signal, instead of merely the most signal in the signal in the signal was a subject to the most signal in the si Brigade were the most signal, instead of merely the most sensational, instance of the fighting qualities of our race." Why "signal" and why "sensational"? "Military heroism is not the noblest form of that moral heroism which only is heroic." Indeed! And, pray, what is the meaning of moral heroism, as contradistinguished from other kinds of heroism? But the writer excels himself when he admits that "the refuse of our race can exhibit a convace and a disjulping which is not inferior to that of the office of the refuse of our race and a disjulping which is not inferior to that of the office of the refuse of our race and a disjulping which is not inferior to that of the office of the refuse of our race and a disjulping which is not inferior to that of the our race and a disjulping which is not inferior to that of the our race are refused to the refuse of the refused to the refused t courage and a discipline which is not inferior to that of the most famous heroes of antiquity." The refuse of our race, quotha! The writer of this may pay his police rate with a quiet mind. In no conceivable crisis would he be called upon to exhibit either his moral or physical heroism. Know all men by these presents that, according to a philosophico-radical writer on a somewhat influential provincial paper, the "noble six hundred" were composed of "the refuse of our race." Editors can be spared; but in the supreme day of our need may there be no lack of such "refuse" as the men of the Light Brigade is our prayer.

The leading teetotallers of Hartlepool, a set of exceedingly noisy persons, who are suffering from a combined attack of Permissive Bill and water on the brain, announce that a "census" which has been taken by them proves the inhabitants of the ancient borough to be largely in favour of Sir Wilfrid Lawson's absurd bill, and other measures for the regulation of the liquor traffic." The editor of the South Durham Herald doubts the trust-worthiness of the "census," and challenges the takers thereof to the proof. He is hungry, or rather thirsty, for the "details," the which he would be only too delighted to publish. We need scarcely remark that the teetotallers of Hartlepool have not accepted the Herald's challenge; judgment must, therefore, go by default.

Preaching from a text supplied by the Field, a journal which now and then sets up an amusing claim to be considered an authority on turf matters, *Punch* is this week ponderously severe on betting-men—thinks, in fact, that such appellations as "astuteness, concealment, deception, dishonour, falsehood, knavery, meanness, roguery, rascality, subtlety, treachery, and trickery" express "the qualities and attributes which chiefly characterise and actuate betting-men." Our present concern is less to say a word on behalf of a much—and we venture to think an unjustly—maligned class of her Majesty's subjects, than to advise Mr. Punch to attend more carefully in future to his "nice derangements of epitaphs." Is "astuteness," or even "concealment" (to say nothing of "subtlety") a bad quality or attribute to possess, and, if bad, can it be said to be peculiar to the betting man? Would not the whole string of appellations apply just as closely to meet whole string of appellations apply just as closely to members of the Stock Exchange, or, that such a thing should be said, to very many of the smug frequenters of the nearest Little Bethel? Finally, it would be just as well if Mr. Punch mastered his subjects before dealing with them. What does he mean by tipper?

Wanted to know the age of the merry little conceit which Punch has this week turned into a sparkling epigram—the day and year, in fact, when the humourist of the period made a pun on "a plain cook"? Likewise required, a list of the works written by Mr. Admiralty

We are glad to learn that the will of the late Mr. Foley, R.A., is likely to be proved next month. When that long-expected event shall have taken place we may confidently look forward to the remote completion of the deceased sculptor's unfinished works, and (who knows?) to a practically esthetical realisation of Coleman's idea of "three single gentlemen rolled into one."

#### SEAL-SHOOTING.

WE called the attention of our readers, a few weeks ago, to the sport of hunting the massive and oily walrus. Having thus, as it were, "struck ile," we may as well go on to seal-shooting, which is to be enjoyed with equal facility during the summer months.

The habitat of the seal is the same as that of the walrus-

namely, the Arctic regions. The early part of April is the best time for shooting the young seal. He is at perfection at fourteen days old, before having left the mother, and there are often 4in or 5in of blubber under his skin. At this age they are unable to run away from the piece of ice on which they may have been basking, and consequently fall an easy prey to the hunter. You jump on to the ice from your boat, and knock them on the head with a seal-club, so that you can often bag half a dozen from a piece of ice not above 20ft. square. But the old seal is more cautious. To get at him you have

to pull with muffled oars towards a stray piece of ice on which he is basking in the sun, and when within 100 yards you take deliberate aim, and, if you are fortunate enough deliberate aim, and, if you are fortunate enough to have escaped his observation, you may cause him to drop his head upon the ice; but if he has the slightest inkling of your intention he disappears into the water in a second, and is "gone for good." The wary "bladdernose" will spot you several hundred yards off, and, just as you are taking aim, will quietly slide into the water. On the whole, the Arctic regions offer as many attractions to the sportsman as any other part of the glober and, whether the object of attack he the seal of the globe; and, whether the object of attack be the seal, the walrus, or the bear, it possesses in the highest degree the charm of excitement and novelty, as is sufficiently indicated in our Illustration of the sport enjoyed by Captain Allen Young during his recent trip in the Pandora.

#### PELOTA.

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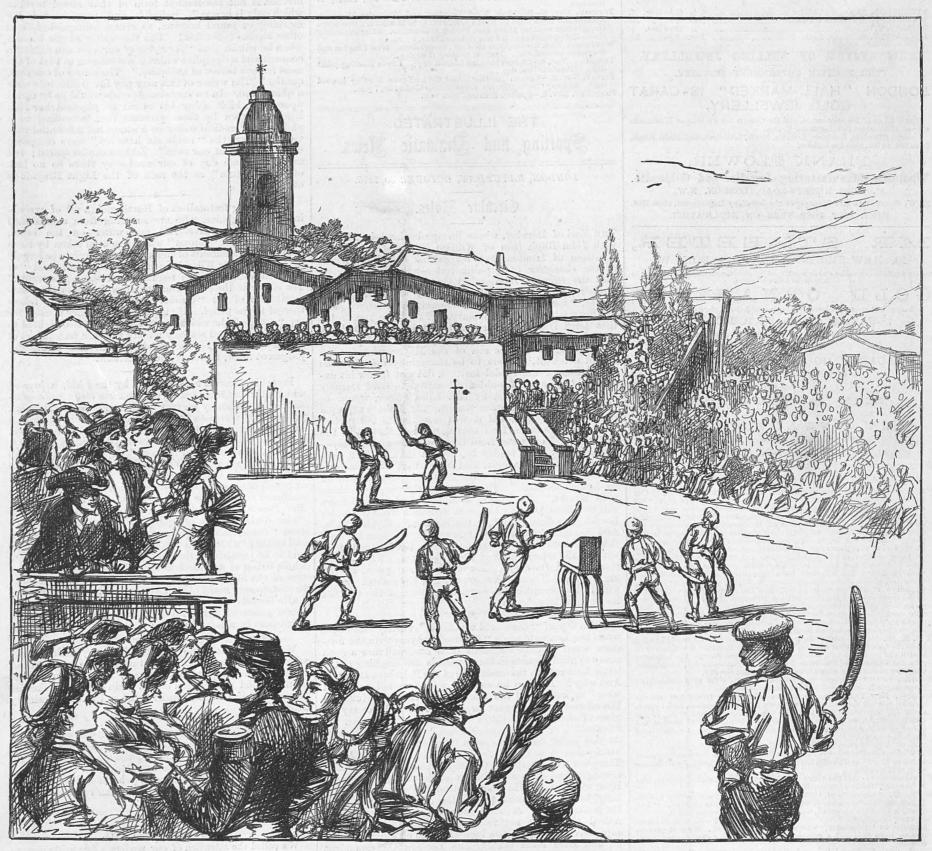
The Basques of the Basses Pyrenees are a peculiar people, and appear to stand alone between those two great countries—France and Spain—which they profess to separate. If you ask "Are you Spanish?" they will reply, with a sneer, "Certainly not;" and if, on the contrary, you hint at their being French they will, with equal gesticulations of displeasure, turn away from you, muttering as they, "Je suis Basque." They are a fine, independant, manly set of fellows; and the women are in many cases exquisitely beautiful. The subject of our sketch is a great Basque gathering to witness the grand Pelota Match of the year. To those interested in manly sports, to those who annually swell the multitude at the University Boat-Race or assemble on the battle-field of Lord's, it may be interesting to know that in this part of the world, at least, there is a game worthy in the skill and the endurance it requires to compare with those of Old England, and which may be best described with those of Old England, and which may be best described as a kind of foreign Fives, which is played with huge

gloves, about 2½ft in length; the ball being from a table resembling a music-stand, which the centre of a court some 150ft long. is placed in the centre of a court some 150ft long. Throughout the game a crier walks round, with a large bunch of laurels in his hand, shouting out meanwhile the state of the game. Urrugne, the place celebrated for this annual contest, nestles itself as it were high up in the Pyrenees, and from it, as from a private box, you have one vast panorama of the seat of war in Spain. This peaceable contest is thus every now and then disturbed by the rattle of musketry or the screeching of a shell from St. Marcial or some other fort just across that boundary river, the Bidassoa; indeed, most of these Basques are themselves Carlists, and in many cases are on leave to see the great event of the season in Southern on leave to see the great event of the season in Southern France, having taken off their bleeding hearts and the other insignia of Carlism they are pleased to call a uniform, that they may be able to cross over and enjoy the fun. Thousands of francs are wagered on this odd event, and people from all parts and of all grades are crowding in the whole day long,

till, night closing in the chum-chum, a curious drum and fife announces the dance, and the Bolero is continued till a late hour.

#### THE ROYAL WESTMINSTER AQUARIUM.

Christmas next will give us one of the cheeriest and brightest palaces of pleasure in London—a veritable Crystal or Alexandra Palace in town. It is to Mr. Wybrow Robertson we are indebted for the idea of the Westminster Aquarium and Winter and Summer Garden, as the handsome symposium pictured in our pages this week is entitled. Not half the features we are promised are indicated by the title of the Westminster Aquarium and Winter and Summer Garden, the facade of which makes so fine an addition to the architectural façade of which makes so fine an addition to the architectural group which comprises Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. Members sated with the eloquence of a Kenealy or Biggar in the coming Session will find not only a charming conservatory and aquarium in what will doubtless become their favourite refuge, but their jaded ears will be soothed by the



THE GREAT PELOTA MATCH IN THE BASSES-PYRENEES.

sweetest music Arthur Sullivan can administer to them; or | worked. In nine months has the major part of the West- | the basement 20ft below the ground floor. The orchestra, there will be the alternative of a light theatrical entertainment in a luxurious theatre, whilst those excellent restauranteurs Bertram and Roberts are to tempt the epicurean with a ménu worthy of Brillat-Savarin, and the paintings of some of our best artists are to be exhibited in a fine-art gallery, billiards and a skating-rink being also included in Mr. Robertson's programme of recreations. The Westminster Aquarium and Winter and Summer Garden will, in brief, be a London Club and Crystal Palace, a Brighton Aquarium and Horticultural

Garden, in one. This is the age of rapid building. It seems but the other day that the Alexandra Palace was burnt down, and the present palace rose from its ashes as if by enchantment. The foundation of the new Opera House on the Thames Embankment is not yet laid, and yet it is asserted that the building will be ready for the beginning of the Italian opera season next spring! The quickness with which Messrs. Lucas Brothers have erected the Westminster Aquarium is a feat in building worthy to rank with both the above-mentioned works. It was only last February that Mrs. Bedborough, the architect's wife, laid the foundation-stone of the Westminster Aquarium, on the site chosen in the Broad Sanctuary and Tothill-street. The land cost £80,000. Messrs. Lucas Brothers' contract was for £88,000. With a will have the contractors

Aquarium been built, what remains done is simply to put those finishing touches and adornments inside and out which are to crown the work. The elegance of Mr. Bedborough's design for the exterior and interior alike may be realised from our Illustrations. As any passer-by can now judge for himself, the Westminster Aquarium, with its bright coloured walls of red Farnham bricks, relieved by Portland and Bath stone dressings, boldly carved, presents one of the finest façades to be seen in London. Bright as is the face it shows to the outer world, the Westminster Aquarium will be without rival for the novel beauty of its interior. Witness the architect's graceful design as represented by our Artist, who gives us in one coup-d'ail a fair idea of the Crystal Palace-like effect to be reproduced in the central hall. From the lofty arched roof of glass and iron will be suspended elegant baskets of flowers, and a profusion of flowers, exotics, and climbing plants will give softness to the outlines of the galleries and the building generally. The spacious sea-water tanks for the fish stand on each side of this grand central hall, the centre being devoted to the promenade, which is to be beautified with statuary and fountains, ferns and palms, as pictured in the Engraving. The sea and fresh water reservoirs for supplying the aquarium are nine in number, will hold 800,000 gallons, and are situated in

Sullivan will preside, stands end of the grand hall; and at the west end of the building is the theatre, or concert-hall, which will hold an audience of

With a combination of so many attractions, no wonder there has been so great a rush to be enrolled as Fellows of the Westminster Aquarium. The advantages of Fellowship are a personal free admission every day to the Aquarium, a free ticket for the Art-union, and the right of being present at all the special fêtes. In the Art-union of the society £3000 in prizes will be given away for distribution among Fellows and seasonticket holders; and the art-committee offer gold, silver, and bronze medals, and sums of £100 and £50, as prizes for the best paintings sent to their galleries—artists being, in fact, encouraged in the belief that the Westminster Aquarium is a veritable Tom Tiddler's ground from which to pick up gold and

Such is Mr. Wybrow Robertson's programme; and we have no doubt it will be fulfilled to the letter. We had intended this week to engrave portraits of Mr. Robertson (the managing director) and of Mr. Bruce Phillips (the courteous and zealous secretary), as appropriate accompaniments to the views we print of the Westminster Aquarium, but regret that we have to postpone their likenesses till next week.

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## Bacing-Past and Future.

THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE WEEK.

THE number of small and unimportant fixtures set for last week having been duly brought to a more or less successful termination, the popular sporting mind was left free to the contemplation of the ample bill of fare provided at headquarters during the Houghton Meeting, which at the moment of writing is not concluded. The two opening days were favoured with exceptionally brilliant weather for the time of year, and, though the wind blew keenly across the heath, especially on the Cambridgeshire day, the oldest frequenters of the turf metropolis were fain to confess they had never less reason to complain of the conduct of the clerk of the weather than to complain of the conduct of the cierk of the weather than on this occasion. I have seen Newmarket fuller on former anniversaries: but, all things considered, there was a very fair attendance on the heath, and, as the sport was good, all may be said to have "gone as merry as a marriage bell." Probe said to have "gone as merry as a marriage bell." Proceedings commenced on Monday with the Trial Stakes, over the Rowley Mile, for which Munden, who was entered to be sold for only £2000, and was, therefore, only conceding 31b to Trappist, was made the favourite, and, in anticipation of his victory, a considerable amount of money was laid out on Activity for the Cambridgeshire, for whom he had acted as school-board examiner at home. Trappist, however, had the foot of his opponents all the way, and won in a canter from Cambyses, who, in turn, was two lengths in advance of the favourite. The effect of this was the reverse of favourable to the market status of Activity; and though the party professed to have lost none of their confidence, they were by no means eager to avail themselves of the thirties to one which were offered against the a small sweepstakes, with only three starters, from whom the gentlemen selected the wrong one to carry the bulk of their investments. Duke of Rutland was made favourite at 7 to 4 on; while about Stroller, who has only appeared once this year, and that very indifferently, 3 to 1 was always obtainable. latter won comparatively easily, and was sold afterwards to Mr J. Price for 100gs. The talent, having commenced by making two mistakes, proceeded to turn the tables on the ring by plunging on Policy in her match against Plaything, which they did to such a tune that the layers would take nothing less than 4 to 1, and many would not take olds at all; so that, though backers were theoretically the winners, we fear that practically they would hardly have been able to get back any considerable portion of their losses at the price. A fair field turned out to contest the Free Handicap Nursery, for which the Mantilla colt, with F. Archerin the saddle, was most in demand; and, as far as one could judge, he ought to have won, but, swerring right across the course at the finish, he let up The Flirt, who just managed to win by a neck, thus once again dashing the cup of sweetness from the expectant lips of unhappy backers. The Flirt formerly belonged to Lord Falmouth, and made her début at Ascot under the name of Come Kiss Me. She was a neat little filly, though the stable, backers. I believe, never had any very exaggerated opinion of her capabilities, and, after running once or twice unsuccessfully in his Lordship's colours, she was sold to Mr. Jolliffe, for whom she has managed to score several nice little wins. It may yet turn out that she is better than has been hitherto suspected, for, whereas in the Hopeful Stakes at the First October Meeting, which she won, she received 2lb from the Mantilla colt, she was here giving him 23lb, besides conceding more or less weight to everything else in the race. The tide of bad luck seemed now to have fairly set in, for in the First Welter Handicap, Premier Mai, who was scarcely backed for a penny piece, fairly squandered his field, upsetting a presumed good thing of Lord Zetland's in the Sister to Adelaide iilly. The Sweepstakes of 10 sovs each, which was next on the card, fell to Crecy, one of the shifty D'Estournel's offspring, who was not so much fancied as King of Hearts, the archive this chould have been I though why this should have been so I cannot say, as Crecy's recent performances have been fairly good ones, while the King has not succeeded in earning a single winning bracket; but the gentlemen were apparently determined to go wrong if they could, and did so. The worst blow was, however yet to come, could, and did so. The worst blow was, however yet to come, in the Criterion, which brought out six runners, of whom only two were in demand, these being the redoubtable Springfield and Farnese, the former of whom was meeting Lord Falmouth's horse at 5lb the best of the weights, in consequence of which he was made a very hot favourite. Farnese being a bit of a roarer, T. Osborne, on Springfield, made the pace very hot, in order to find out the weak place, and did so so suc-cessfully that by the time the Red Post was reached he had his only dangerous opponent, as he thought, fairly beaten, whereupon he slightly eased his horse. A few yards from home, however, J. Osborne, who was lying off on Clanronald, came with a well-timed rush, and Springfield's jockey, being unable to set him going again, got shot on the post by a head, amid the rapturous applause of the ring. Clanronald, who is a stable companion of Farnese, belongs to Lord Lascelles, and is engaged in most of the principal races of next year. He would have been backed for the Derby on the spot had a sufficiently tempting price been forthcoming, and there can be no doubt but that he will occupy a prominent place in the market during the winter months. I am inclined to look upon this performance as a fluke, and I think it hardly likely he will ever again get home in front of Springfield, whatever he may do with some of the in front of Springfield, whatever he may do with some of the lesser luminaries in the equine firmament. At the same time, the Criterion is so justly accepted as the best Derby trial of the two-year-old season that it would be unwise to deny all merit to Clanronald; and as his breeding is unexceptionable, being by Blair Athol out of Isilia, there is no reason why he should not, next year, at least emulate the doings of many of his predecessors in this very race, who, if they have not absolutely won the Derby, have proved themselves subsequently not many pounds behind the highest Derby form. As Spinaway received forfeit in her match with Per Se, the day's sport came to an end at this point, and an early adjournment was made to to an end at this point, and an early adjournment was made to

On Tuesday proceedings commenced with the Post Sweepstakes over the Bretby Stakes Course, wherein Coltness—who, it will be remembered, won the New Stakes at Ascot on his first appearance in public, when Tassel finished a bad third—again came forward to do battle for Mr. Houldsworth; but, as the result proved, with a reversal of their relative positions on the former occasion. It is true that Tassel only got home by a short head; but to have done so would seem to show that he has much improved since the summer or that Coltness has gone off, if, indeed, the New Stakes was not really a fluky victory, after all, as many contended it was at the time. In the succeeding race, the All-Aged Trial Stakes, the long-suffering gentlemen at last got a turn, for as soon as the numbers went up Oxonian was made a hot favourite, Slumber being the only other backed with any spirit. The race was an exceedingly good one; and the favourite won, as he always does, as gamely as possible. He had to be just shaken up when he began to climb the hill; and I think Wood, who was second on Middle Temple, might

have been nearer if he had tried; but "all's well that ends well," and no one particularly cared about affording the ring men any fresh cause for jubilation. Middle Temple is a par-ticularly nice-looking horse, and, if I mistake not, has a great race in him if a racing career is much longer spared to him. The good thing of the day was Lord Hartington's Letty Long filly for the Free Handicap Nursery, and in a field of fourteen runners she was backed for all that could be got on, down to 6 to 4. The race hardly needs description, for she had it all her own way, and literally romped home. Mr. Gretton's Sorceress was second, on sufferance as I think, for, if I make no mistake, we shall hear on some future occasion of Major Warburton's Agate, who was on some future occasion of Major Warburton's Agate, who was one of the top weights, and who ran very fast till near home, when Letty Long filly shot out, and Major judiciously eased his horse, allowing the others to pass him. The succeeding event showed us the popular colours of General Peel to the fore, borne by the Quiver, who started at the nice price of 5 to 1, and, excellently ridden by C. Wood, got home a neck in front of Glendinning, a fine-looking colt of Lord Bradford's, to whom she was giving 18lb Neither Stray Shot, the favourite, Tartine, Maravilla, nor Eleusis, was at all formidable, so that the performance must be deemed a good one on so that the performance must be deemed a good one on the part of the fair Toxophilite. After this we all tramped up the hill to the top of the town, and, while the betting on the Cambridgeshire waxed fast and furious, the betting on the Cambridgeshire waxed fast and furious, Mr. Crawfurd's En Avant, a filly by Lord Lyon out of Lady Mary, cantered home in front of Mr. Bowes's Goral for the Home-Bred Produce Stakes, some say by twelve lengths; but I question much if any body was looking at the horses, for there was no betting on the race, and people were much more exercised in their minds as to the respective merits of Pageant and Sutton than as to those of the comparatively obscure animals who were just then performing a little interlude before the curtain rose on the grand act. When the numbers were but thirteen absentees out. hoisted it was found that there were but thirteen absentees out of the fifty named on the card; and, as these included none of the more important of the candidates, the market may be said to have been quiet, and the bookmakers spared any preliminary agitation to temper the shock of the final result. Very few of the horses were saddled in the Cambridgeshire inclosure, the horses were sauthed in the Cambridgesine inclosure, the majority of the jockeys preferring the comparative seclusion of the Birdcage. Of the few horses I saw I thought Lemnos, Parempuyre, Dictature, and Lord Gowran were all looking exceptionally well; and I am free to confess that had I only had an opportunity of looking at Sutton before the race, I should have been fain to have a "bit" on; for there can be no doubt he was as good-looking a horse as any in the field; and though he worse stockings on his forelegs and one field; and, though he wore stockings on his forelegs and one knowing gentleman remarked that it was "odds on his having broken down against his winning," I could see nothing whatever to justify such an opinion, and, on the contrary, thought Sutton about as fair a specimen of the trainer's art as any-thing else in the paddock. The market, towards the close, was only remarkable for the advance of Coomassie and Lord Gowran, the latter of whom, with Harmonides, was largely supported for a place, and for the increased firmness of the favourite, who fairly gave Pageant the go-by, and touched 3 to 1 at the fall of the flag. Among the others of the extreme outsiders Young Sydmonton and Organist found backers, but Kaiser and Grey Palmer occupied much the same positions as they did last week. The sun shone brightly as the long line of horses came breasting the hill like a regiment of cavalry at the charge. Through the glass one could see suddenly the field begin to tail off, then a scrimmage and something down, and then the colours getting more and more distinct as they came past the Red Post, then a trio singling them-selves out for the finish and a shout of "Grey Palmer wins," followed by counter-shouts of "Lord Gowran," and then a positive roar of inarticulate enthusiasm as something ridden by a jockey with a black jacket and white belt, comes up on the sheep track, and, passing both at the distance, canters home an easy winner by a length and a half, while the gallant grey makes a bold fight for second, and finishes a similar distance behind the unlucky Lord Gowran, whohas now been twice placed in this very race. How wise every body is after the event. One would think, to hear people talk, that everybody had known Sutton would win and had backed him from the beginning. One man tells me that Sutton was tried within 3lbs of Lemnos, another that he cantered away from Fraulein in the summer, another knows all about the clever way in which the commisexecuted at Doncaster. I am fairly overpowered with the all-prevailing knowledge which, curiously enough, has only been apparent within the past ten minutes or so. Personally, I don't believe that anyone but Goater himself knew what the actual trial was; but that it was good enough has been amply exemplified by the inexorable logic of facts; and this brings me to the subject I have had at heart for a long time, and which I will shortly proceed to discuss. First of all, let me dispose of the race. The scrimmage, which I dimly discerned through my field-glass, proved to be the fall of Pompadour, who broke her thigh, and had to be destroyed where she fell. She was ridden by W. Chaloner, whose brother, after passing the post on Peeping Tom, cantered back to see whether he was much hurt, which, I am happy to believe, is not the case. A few yards further on, after Pompadour fell, Leveret broke a blood-vessel, and, swerving right across the course, fairly pitched on his head and turned a complete somersault. These were, happily, the only accidents in the race, and an reste, there can be little doubt that the best horse at the weights won, but the words I have put in italics involve an important question. We have now seen the two great autumn handicaps run for and won, actual trial was; but that it was good enough has been amply have put in italics involve an important question. We have now seen the two great autumn handicaps run for and won, the Cesarewitch by a three-year-old carrying 5st 11lb, and the Cambridgeshire by a four-year-old carrying 5st 13lb. As regards the former, it may fairly be urged that his performances warranted the imposition of no greater weight, and as a three-year-old of no extraordinary pretensions he was entitled to be placed among the feather-weights; but how about Sutton who has not appeared on a resecurse entitled to be placed among the feather-weights; but how about Sutton, who has not appeared on a racecourse since June twelvemonth, and who, for aught the handicapper knew, might have been the best horse in England? In a case like this, there was no public form by which to handicap the horse, and as a four-year-old it does seem monstrous that he should be allowed to creep into the race with a weight at which, as I remarked last week, if he could not win he ought at once to be poleayed. It seems to point to this—that in every at once to be poleaxed. It seems to point to this—that in every handicap horses should be compelled to carry a minimum weight according to their age, which, say, in the case of four-year-olds, should not be less than 7st. If a four-year-old can make no fight with 7st on his back, he must be a rank bad one; and we don't want to see our big handicaps reduced at the finish to a struggle between mere platers, while good horses are crushed out of it with prohibitive imposts. It is all very well to talk of offering proper inducements to breeders to enable them to get rid of their worthless stock, and to owners to keep them in training. My own opinion is that we do not want them. A clever man may so manage a mere screw, worth a twenty-pound note, that he may be able at last to land what in turf parlance is called a "coup," as when Our Mary Ann won the Chester Cup as a five-year-old, carrying just 6st, for the astute William Day; but it directly tends to degrade racing and to disgust

owners of really good horses, which the handicapper seems to expect to accomplish impossibilities and to be able to give away sometimes a trifle of, say, from 20lb to 30lb or more, over a severe course, to horses of their own age. Limited handicaps, with a minimum weight for all of 6st 7lb or 6st 10lb would be better than no reform at all; but these have been tried and have not been found to work altogether satisfactorily, for reasons unnecessary to dilate on here. But that a reform in the principle of handicapping is absolutely needed there can be no doubt; and I think, in the form of a minimum weight for age, would work well, and spare us the scandal in future of witnessing well-planned "coups" and the victory of bottled-up crocks, or, worse, carefully-kept good old ones let in at a feather, and receiving weight from youngsters who have been honestly run through their engagements.

The decision of the great race set everybody on the trot for the town out of the bitter wind; for there were only a small sweepstakes, which fell to Mozart, and a one-sided match between Aragon and Murillo remaining to be decided; and the ineffable pleasure of witnessing these interesting contests was scarcely worth purchasing at the cost of a sore throat, or, at the least, a severe cold in the head, not to speak of the sacrifice of one's personal comfort at the moment.

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On Wednesday the change in the weather was, to say the least of it, depressing, and none but the most ardent turfites could be induced to face the inclemency of the heath. The sport, however, commenced punctually to the hour named with the Stand Handicap, for which Wallsend was elected favourite; and here, again, it was marvellous to note the sort of obliquity of judgment which could induce men to overlook the running of Glendinning on the previous day, not to speak of the form shown by Julian, who certainly deserved higher recognition than to be allowed to start at 10 to 1 for a race over his own distance, albeit he carried 7st 5lb, which was a little beyond what I should have given him had I been the heaven-inspired handicapper of the period. However, Glendinning won back the losses of his party on the previous day, and, I would fain hope, a good stake to boot, starting as he did at 5 to 1; while the favourite could get no nearer than third, which was about what I expected. Lord Falmouth's Fetterlock, with odds on him, won the Home-Bred Foal Stakes (By-the-way, why don't they name races a little better?) from Wild Tommy and Goral, the latter of whom must be a rank bad horse, and the sooner Mr. Bowes shoots him, the better for him and the public also. For the Selling Stakes the talent plunged on Bardolph, who certainly ought to have performed better than he did; but once more the joyous shout arose from the ring when the Triumph filly, against whom not a sixpence had been laid, cantered in a winner by half a dozen lengths from the Princess Beatrice colt and Stroller, the latter of whom had beaten, the Duke of Rutland so easily on Monday. Another Selling Stakes (toujours perdriz) was won by "the Nun" beating nine other youngsters, though whether quality was as well represented as quantity remains to be seen. Anyway, somebody knew something, as the Nun was the favourite, and Mr. Marshall, the owner, of the winner, probably knew something too, as he claimed Reveillon, who ran nowhere, and was made favourite, alth

The Criterion Nursery furnished metal more attractive, since the Criterion Course is a more difficult one, and the field included Hesper, Ventnor, Julia Peachum, and the Letty Long filly, all of which have shown some form this season. The winner, a French-bred one, named Gavarni, was not named in the betting, and was objected to, moreover, for a cannon; but, whether he gets the race or not, there can be no doubt but that Hesper was the best-looking of the competitors, and in my opinion it was an excess of liberality on the part of the bookmakers to lay 6 to 1 against so good-looking a colt as Major Warburton's, who will see a better day, or 1 am no true prophet. The day's entertainment concluded with a Match between Harmonides and Duke of Parma, the latter conceding 12lb, and, of course, the talent laid a shade of odds on the wrong one (they always do); but Harmonides was in front throughout, and won by two lengths; and I am accordingly puzzled to discover why he did not do better in the Cambridgeshire, where he only had to carry 6st 51b—unless, as is whispered, Captain Machell stood in with the Sutton division, which is more than likely; and it is quite possible that before the end of the season we may yet see the true form of the son of Marsyas and July. Here my record must close for this week, as the law of the Medes and Persians (our Printer being either a Mede or a Persian), which altereth not, prevents my making detailed reference to any later events. I shall, therefore, proceed to analyse next week's programmes, which include the Brighton and Lincoln Autumn Meetings. To begin with the former—only two races of which are as yet closed—I shall assign the Maiden Hurdle Race to Burgundy or Baroner: and the Hunters' Flat Race to Areatranton.

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In the Lincoln Autumn Handicap, I fancy the chances of Duke of Parma, Polonaise, and Jamie Croft.

The Blankney Nursery should fall to Brigg Boy or Seine. The Maiden Hurdle Race to Grand Flaneur or Knight of St. Patrick.

And the Hunters' Flat Race to St. Margaret.
The other closed events I shall decline to meddle with.

DONCASTER.

Tampering with Racing Telegrams.—At Newcastle-on-Tyne Quarter Sessions, on Saturday last, a barman and betting man, Charles Fox, charged with bribing the telegraph messengers to give him the results of races as soon as they arrived, was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. This is the first case of the kind that has been tried; and the Recorder, in his charge to the grand jury, said that it was as well for the public to know that persons so acting were liable to two years' imprisonment; and for telegraph boys to know that, for divulging the contents of messages, they could be sent to prison for twelve months.

Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis.—Medical testimony states that no other medicine is so effectual in the cure of these dangerous maladies as Keating's Cough Lozenges, which are sold by all Chemists, in Boxes, at 1s. 13d. and 2s. 9d.—N.B. They contain no opium or preparation thereof.—[ADVT.]

## Athletic Sports.

A few years back it had almost become a certainty that whenever the London Athletic Club held one of their meetings, rain, fog, or snow would inevitably tend to spoil its success. This season, however, the L.A.C. have been favoured to a maryellous extent by delightfully fine weather; but on Saturday last, when the club held their autumn meeting at Lillie-bridge either their treasurer—Mr. James Waddell—had not offered his usual sacrifice to Jupiter Pluvius, or else Mr. William Waddell (the hon, secretary) had omitted to square the clerk of the weather. At any rate, the afternoon can only be described as weather. At any rate, the afternoon can only be described as miserable in the extreme, as rain fell almost incessantly "from morn to dewy eve;" and, in consequence, the attendance, both as regards competitors and spectators, was very much smaller than usual. In spite, however, of the wet and heavy state of the running-path some excellent times were made. The 600-Yards Challenge Cup, for members only, fell to F.B. Montague, who had 40 yards start; A. E. Ball, 23 yards, being second; while M. D. Rucker, the holder of the cup, with 25 yards 1 foot start, was compelled to put up with the third and last place. Nothing much worthy of note took place in the 150-Yards Open Handicap, except in the final heat, when A. Powles, L.A.C., 7½ yards start, got off fully a couple of yards before the pistol, and consequently won hands down, beating J. K. H. Fowler, 13½; W. R. Horncastle, 17; R. W. F. Harrison, 12½; E. Pettitt, 13½; C. E. Neilson, 13¼; and S. T. W. Langworth, 13½. Perhaps the next event on the card—viz., the Half-Mile Challenge Cup, excited more enthusiasm than any other during the after-Perhaps the next event on the card—viz., the Half-Mile Challenge Cup, excited more enthusiasm than any other during the afternoon's sport. W. Slade, the holder, was challenged by H. W. Hill and L. U. Burt. The champion was made a rather strong favourite, but it was very manifest that he was much too big, while Hill had evidently taken great care to get himself fit. The contest may be briefly described thus: Slade cut out the work from the start at a great pace, but when about half the distance had been covered the lot took close order. Entering the back stretch Burt was first, Hill second, and Slade last. About 150 yards from home Slade, finding pursuit hopeless, retired, and Hill coming with a grand rush, caught Burt half retired, and Hill, coming with a grand rush, caught Burt half way down the run in, and won by four yards, in 2min 2-5 sec. Half a mile is not Slade's distance, and it was understood that Half a mile is not Slade's distance, and it was understood that for the future he will not attempt any race short of a mile, a very wise determination on his part. In describing the race for the 600-Yards Challenge Cup, it should have been mentioned that it was apparent that Rucker had overtrained himself, hence, perhaps, his casy defeat. The 300-Yards Members' Handicap was secured by S. F. Weall, 36 yards start; beating in the final heat F. G. Oliver, 24; F. W. Freeman, 24; C. G. Cudby, 31; and H. T. Round, 30. F. T. Elborough, although defeated by Weall to whom he was conceding no less than Cudby, 31; and H. T. Round, 30. F. T. Elborough, although defeated by Weall, to whom he was conceding no less than 30 yards start, did a great performance in the first heat, when he was within a yard of the winner, in the fast time of 31 2-5sec. At length a walking-race at an amateur meeting has produced a man who has some pretensions as to style. The athletic correspondents to the various sporting papers have almost unanimously been advocating the withdrawal of walking-races from the programme altogether, and it was somewhat consoling to the various sporting papers have almost unanimously been advocating the withdrawal of walking-races from the programme altogether; and it was somewhat consoling, even during the wretched weather which prevailed, to witness once more a little fair walking. The distance to be covered was four miles, and eleven competed, the starts varying from 110sec to 300sec. O. Tomlin, with the longest start, had traversed more than a lap when the virtual scratch man, W. Palmer, 110sec, received the word to go. At the end of a mile E. Shakell, 210sec, was leading; S. W. Mitcalfe, jun., 185sec, being second; and H. Venn, L.A.C., 135sec, third; T. Dorey, 140sec, and J. Berry, 120sec, fourth and fifth respectively. Shortly after completing the second mile Venn had taken a considerable lead, and, increasing this at every succeeding lap, he won with ridiculous ease by fully 150 yards; the same distance separating Dorey and Berry. The winner, who walked in a very fair style, and who showed great improvement since his last appearance in public, compassed the four miles in 30min 46sec; Dorey's time being 31min 36sec, and Berry's 32min. The One-Mile Open Handicap brought out no less than twenty-five starters, with distances varying from 80 yards to 200 yards. In so large a field it would be next to impossible to attempt a detailed description of the race; let it suffice to say that W. E. Fuller, L.A.C., 152 yards start, went in front at the end of the second lap, and won by 25 yards in 4min 21sec; D. Houston, L.A.C., 155, beating S. A. Bennett, S.L.H., 170, by half a dozen yards for second place.

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Bicycling has made a pretty fair show during the present week. On Monday the St. George's Club held a meeting at Lillie-bridge, when a four miles' open amateur handicap was run, as well as a ten miles' professional one. The sufficiently late hour of three o'clock was advertised as the time of commencing the proceedings, but it was fully forty-five minutes after that hour before a start was made, and, darkness coming on before the great event of the day was brought to a conclusion, it was found necessary to postpone the final heat of the amateur race until another day. In future, perhaps, the courteous secretary of the club, Mr. James Revell, will fix an earlier hour, and will insist that all competitors not present at the time appointed for their respective heats should be summarily "blown out," as they say at wrestling-matches. The amateur handicap was of such an ordinary character that it may be dismissed without further comment; but in the race for professionals J. Keen, the champion, made such wonderful time—the fastest on record—that the race must be to a certain extent described in full. Out of an original entry of fourteen nine started, J. Keen (champion) being at scratch, and conceding 400 yards to D. Stanton, of Hornsey, the long-distance rider; 500 to Thomas, of Portsmouth; 750 to Markham, of Paddington; 800 to Cannon, of Kingston, and Fryer, of Moulsey; 900 to Hicks, of Chelsea; 1000 to his brother, B. Keen, of Clapham; and 1100 to Howard, of Clapham. With the exception of the men who were placed first, second, and third, the remainder might as well have been quietly acting as spectators, so small was their chance of ultimate success. Although the younger Keen (who is only about seventeen years old) had 600 yards start of Stanton, the latter quickly caught him; but for the remainder of the distance the boy stuck to his powerful opponent like a leech, and the greatest amount of amusement was caused by the very plucky manner in which he refused to be shaken off, every spurt of Stanton being answered by another from his really diminutive antagobeing answered by another from his really diminutive antagonist. J. Keen, riding magnificently, was second four laps from home; but, thinking he had the race safe, and forgetting he had to lap his brother twice, took matters somewhat easily until reminded of his mistake. Although he again set off at a most marvellous rate, he was ultimately defeated by his brother by about 300 yards, Stanton being twice that distance behind the champion. The winner's time for nine miles 760 yards was 32min 35sec—a great performance; but this was completely put in the shade by Keen, who covered the entire distance in thirty-three minutes thirty-five seconds and a half, thus beating the fastest time hitherto—viz., 34min 41sec. The prizes were £20, £3, and £2, with an extra one of £10 if the

fastest time should be beaten, to which the champion thus

became entitled.

Of Stanton's match against time, in which he has undertaken to ride the distance between Paris and Vienna, 650 miles, round Lillie-bridge grounds, and which he commenced about six o'clock on Tuesday morning, much at present cannot be said; but on the first day he covered 100 miles 1200 yards. said; but on the first day he covered 100 miles 1200 yards. The articles stipulate that he is not to start before six in the morning or to ride after six in the evening. On Wednesday, in spite of the mercilessly wet, cold, and uncomfortable weather, he completed ninety-five miles, and up to 12.37 on Thursday, when he knocked off his work for dinner, he had traversed sixty more miles, the last twenty of which he covered in a trifle under an hour and a lialf. Up to that time it will be seen that already he had done 255 miles, being well within his time. By-the-by, a sporting contemporary, after a most abstruse calculation, has managed to discover that, to ride 650 miles in seven days. Stanton must cover rather less than one miles in seven days, Stanton must cover rather less than one hundred miles a day. How so difficult a problem must have taxed the brain of the writer! Doubtless the solution of this arithmetical puzzle is owing to the operation of the much-abused School Board. Two races between E. Shelton, of Wolverhampton, and Camille Thuillet, of Paris, were run at Wolverhampton on Monday last, and, as is usual in that dis-trict, where bicycling is held in high esteem, a very large a mile one, in which the Frenchman gave his opponent thirty yards start. Thuillet, with a grand spurt in the last lap, won by five yards. In the second contest, of five miles, for the same sum as in the former race, and in which Shelton had 250 rands of the tables received.

yards' start, the tables were turned, as the long-start man won, somewhat easily, by forty yards.

In the world of billiards everything is extremely quiet, nothing of any note taking place for the last week. The only thing of any note taking place for the last week. The only items worth quoting are a couple of exhibition matches between the Champion, John Roberts, jun., and Louis Kilkenny, at Manchester and Halifax. In the first Roberts gave his opponent 250 in 1000, and won by 95 points, the Champion's best break amounting to 211. In the second match Roberts conceded Kilkenny 300 in 1000, and again proved successful by 150, his chief contributions being 155, 105, and 94 (unfinished). While on the subject of billiards it way not be supported. While on the subject of billiards, it may not be out of place to mention that Roberts, on Wednesday, was beaten in two games at bagatelle, on a four-pocket table, by W. Grundy, of Bolton; but, of course, little importance can be attached to a game in which the champion billiard player does not pride

The admirers of quoits have had a treat this week, in the home-and-home return match between George Graham, of London, and David Haddow, of Westmuir, Glasgow, which took place at Graham's own ground, the Abbey Arms, Barking-road, on Monday last. The terms on which they played were two games of eighty-one up each, at 21 yards, with quoits not exceeding 8½ in in diameter, for £200, the greatest aggregate in both games to win. On Saturday week the first game was played in Scotland, when Haddow won by eight points; and on Monday last in the return he, singularly enough, won by exactly the same number, the last fifteen heads being played by the light of a lantern, so dark had it

With the exception that Sadler is as well as his friends could possibly wish him to be, and that Boyd has, perhaps, a harder task before him in their sculling-match for the Champiouship—which is to take place next month—than his supporters imagine, there is nothing more which calls for further

## Principal Baces Past.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.

The TRIAL STAKES, of 20 sovs each, 10 ft, with 100 added, R.M., was won by Captain Prince's Trappist, by Hermit—Bunch, 3 yrs, 8st (£3000), beating Prince Batthyany's Cambyses, 4 yrs, 7st 3lb (car 7st 4lb) (£500), Munden, 4 yrs, 8st 3lb (£2000), Count de Lagrange's Ecossais, 4 yrs, 8st 10lb (£1000), and Mr. Whittaker's Catseye, 4 yrs, 7st 3lb (£500). Betting: Even on Munden, 5 to 2 agst Trappist, 7 to 1 agst Cambyses. Won in a canter by three lengths.

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SWEEDSTAKES of 10 sovs each, for starters, with 100 added, Bretby Stakes Course, was won by Major Warburton's Stroller, by Saunterer—Miss Johnson, 8st5bb, beating Lord Lonsdale's Duke of Rutland, 3 yrs, 8st5bb, and Mr. Hatton's Alcedo, 3 yrs, 8st 5bb. Betting: 7 to 4 on Duke of Rutland, and 3 to 1 agst Stroller. Won in a canter by two lengths.

A MATCH, last half of R.M., between Mr. H. Bird's Policy, by General Peel—Polias, 8st 10b, and Lord Dupplin's Plaything, 8st 10b, was won by Policy in a canter by half a length. Betting: 4 to 1 on Policy.

FREE HANDICAP NURSERY of 10 sovs cach, with 100 added, last half of Ab.M., was won by Mr. Jolliffe's The Flirt (late Come Kiss Me), by Beadsman—Nike, 8st 12b, beating Mr. Pryor's c by The Rake—Mantilla, 7st 8lb (car 7st 4lb), Sailor, 7st 7lb, and nine others. Betting: 3 to 1 agst the Mantilla colt, 6 to 1 agst Sailor, 10 to 1 agst The Flirt.

by a neck.

The FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 10 sovs each, with 100 added, D.M., was won by Mr. H. Jennings's Premier Mai, by Fort à-Bras or Charlatan—
Tafferette, 4 yrs, 8st 7lb, beating Lord Zetland's f by Macaroni—Sister to Adelaide, 3 yrs, 8st 2lb, Conjuror, 4 yrs, 8st 5lb, and eight others. Betting: 100 to 30 agst Sister to Adelaide filly, 10 to 1 each agst Conjuror and Premier Mai. Won by three lengths.

SWEEPSTAKES of 10 sovs each, with 50 added, for two-year-olds, Criterion Course, was won by Mr. Pooley's Creey, by D'Estournel—Birdlime, 8st 10lb, beating Mr. P. Price's c by Binkhoolie—Princess Beatrice, 8st 3lb, Mr. Toots, 8st 3lb, and three others. Betting: 3 to 1 agst Creey, 4 to 1 agst Princess Beatrice colt. Won easily by two lengths. The winner was bought in for 580gs.

The CRITERION STAKES of 30 sovs. tach, 20ft, for two-year-olds; colts, 8st 8lb; fillies, 8st 6lb; winners extra. Criterion Course (six furlongs). 50 subs.

Lord Lascelles's Clanronald, by Blair Athol—Islia by Newminster

Set St. J. O. Springfield, Set 10lb (in. 2lb ex.) ... T. O. Sporne
Mr. J. H. Houldsworth's Springfield, Set 10lb (in. 2lb ex.) ... T. O. Sporne
Lord Falmouth's Farnese. Set 11lb (in. 7lb ex) ... T. Canon
Mr. F. Gretton's Algarsyfe, Set Slb ... T. Canon
Mr. E. Potter, S Newport, Set. 10lb (in. 2lb ex) ... Constable
Mr. T. Jenning's Pluton, Set Slb ... Illuxable
Betting: 6 to 4 on Springfield, 2 to 1 agst Farnese, 100 to 8 agst Cla

Betting: 6 to 4 on Springfield, 2 to 1 agst Farnese, 100 to 8 agst Clarronald, and 20 to 1 agst each of the others. Clarronald, who had been second throughout, and running wide of Springfield, stumbled slightly in the last dozen strides, but managed to get up and win on the post by a head; three lengths off Farnese was third, some eight lengths in front of Newport, who was followed at clear intervals by Pluton and Algarsyfe in the order named.

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MATCH: 200, h ft. A.F.

Lord Falmouth's Spinaway, 8st 10lb, received forfeit from Lord Dupplin's Per Se, 8st 7lb.

TUESDAY, THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE DAY.

The POST SWEEPSTAKES of 100 sovs each, for two-year-old colts, Bretby Stakes Course, was won by Prince Soltykoff's br o Tassel, by The Drake Belladrum, Set 10lb, beating Mr. J. H. Houldsworth's bc Coltness, Set 10lb, Count F. de Lagrange's Fortunio, Set 10lb, and Mr. H. Savile's bc Timballo, Set 10lb. Betting: 6 to 5 agst Coltness, 3 to 1 agst Tassel, and 4 to 1 agst Timballo. Won by a head.

The ALL-AGED TRIAL STAKES of 10 sovs each, with 100 added, Rous Course, was won by Captain Machell's bg Oxonian, by Oxford—Araby's Daughter, aged, 8st 13lb (£1000), beating Mr. Mitchell-Innes's Middle Temple, 5 yrs, 8st 6lb (£500), Mr. H. Baltazzi's b m Slumber, 4 yrs, 8st 13lb (£1000), Lord Hartington's br o by Montagnard, dam by Blair Athol—Miss Stewart, 3 yrs, 8st (£500). Premier Mai, 4 yrs, 8st 6lb (£500), and Quantock, 4 yrs, 8st 6lb (£500). Betting: 5 to 4 on Oxonian, 9 to 2 agst Slumber. Won easily by three lengths.

FREE HANDICAP NURSERY of 10 sovs each, h f, with 50 added, last half of R.M., was won by Lord Hartington's b f by Scottish Chief—Letty Long, 7st 7lb, beating Sorceress, 7st 2lb, Victoria, 6st 4lb, Sir A. de Rothschild's b f by Scottish Chief—Gong, 8st, and ten others. Betting: 13 to 8 agst the Letty Long filly. Won by two lengths.

THREE-YEAR OLD HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKES of 10 sovs each, with 100 added, for three-year-olds, Bretby Stakes Course, was won by General Peel's br f Quiver, by Toxophilite, dam (1801) by Y. Melbourne—Brown Bess, 8st 4lb, beating Lord Bradford's br c Glendinning, 7st, Mr. H. Jenning's Maravilla, 7st, and four others. Betting: 100 to 20 agst Quiver, 4 to 1 agst Glendinning, and 100 to 15 agst Maravilla. Won by a head.

The HOME-BRED PRODUCE STAKES of 100 sovs each, h ft, for two-year olds, Criterion Course, was a match between Mr. Crawfurd's b f En Avant, by Lord Lyon—Lady Mary, 8st 7th, and Mr. Howes's b c Goral, Sst 10th. Betting: 5 to 4 on En Avant, who won in a canter by twelve

The CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES of 25 sovs each, 10 ft, and only 5 &c., with 300 sovs added; certain winners extra; the second receive 50 sovs. Cambridgeshire Course (1 mile 240 yards). 195 subs, 79 of whom paid 5 sovs each.

MATCH, 500, h ft, last three-quarters of the Cambridgeshire course, between Mr. T. Green's bh Aragon, 5 yrs, 9st, and Mr. Padley's Murillo, 2 yrs, 6st. Betting: 4 to 1 on Aragon, who settled the young one in the first quarter of a mile and won by ten lengths.

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The STAND HANDICAP of 15 sovs each, 10 ft, with 200 added, Rous course, was won by Lord Bradford's br e Glendinning, by Victorious—Elspeth, 3 yrs, 6st 3b, Leating Prince Batthyany's Julian, 3 yrs, 7st 5th, Wallsend, 3 yrs, 7st 7th, and seven others. Betting: 6 to 1 agst Oldinning, 10 to 1 agst Julian. Won by three-quarters of a length.

\*\*SELLING STANES of 10 sovs each, with 160 added, T.Y.C., was wen by Mr. B. Garrett's br f by Knight of the Garter—Triumph, 2 yrs, 6st 5th, Seating Mr. P. Price's be by Blankhoolie—Princess Beatrice, 2 yrs, 6st 11th, Stroller, 3 yrs, 6st 3th, and five others. Betting: 11 to 8 on Bardolph, 100 to 15 agst the Princess Beatrice colt, and 10 to 1 agst Stroller. Won in a canter by six lengths. The winner was sold to Mr. Barington for 500gs

The HOME-BRED FOAL POST STAKES of 100 sovs each, for two-year-olds, T.Y.C., was won by Lord Falmouth's che Fetterlock, by Parnesan—Silverhair, 8st 10th, beating the Duke of Hamilton's be C Whid Tommy (bred in France), 8st 10lb, and Goral, 8st 10lb. Betting: 5 to 2 on Fetterlock, 100 to 30 agst Wild Tommy, and 10 to 1 agst Goral. Won by a length and a half.

SELLING STAKES of 10 sovs cach, with 100 added, for two year-olds last hulf of R.M., was won by Mr. W. B. Marshall's The Nun, by The Palmer—Baliverne, 8st 8lb, bad seven others. Betting: 5 to 2 agst The Nun and 5 to 1 agst Giyn. Won by

seven others. Betting: 5 to 2 agsst the trun and 5 to 2 agsst lin. The MAIDEN PLATE of £50, added to a sweepstakes of 10 sovs each; for two-year-olds; T.Y.C.; was won by Prince Batthyany's King Jamie, 5st 10lb; beating M. Moreau Chaslon's bc Jouville, set 10lb; Duke of St. Alban's Rubicon, 8st 10lb; and three others. Betting: 5 to 4 agst King Jamie, 3 to 1 agst Jonville. Won by two lengths.

The NEW NURSERY STAKES of 10 sovs each, with 100 added; for two-year-olds that have been placed first, second, or third; winners extra, Rous Course; was won by Mr. G. Crook's Knight of the Bath by Knight of the Garter—Parade, 7st; beating Baron A. de Rothschild's Queen of Cyprus; 7st 2lb; Mr. W. Bourke's br c by Uneas—Try Back, 7st; and six others. Betting: 6 to 2 agst Knight of the Bath, 4 to 1 agst Queen of Cyprus. Won easily by six lengths.

The CRITERION NURSERY STAKES of 25 sovs each, 10 ft, with 250 added; for two-year-olds, winners extra, Criterion Course, was won by Count F. de Lagrange's Gavarni, 8st, beating Hesper, 8st 8lb, Policy, 7st 6lb, and six others. Betting: 4 to 1 agst Policy, 8 to 1 agst Hesper. Won by a neck.

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MATCH: 200, h ft. Cambridgeshire Course.

Mr. Gerard's Harmonides, 3 years, 8st.

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Prince Soltykoff's Duke of Parma, 3 yrs, 8st 121b.

Betting: 5 to 4 on Duke of Parma.

The weight telling, Harmonides won by two lengths, Cannon having left off riding in the last nifty yards.

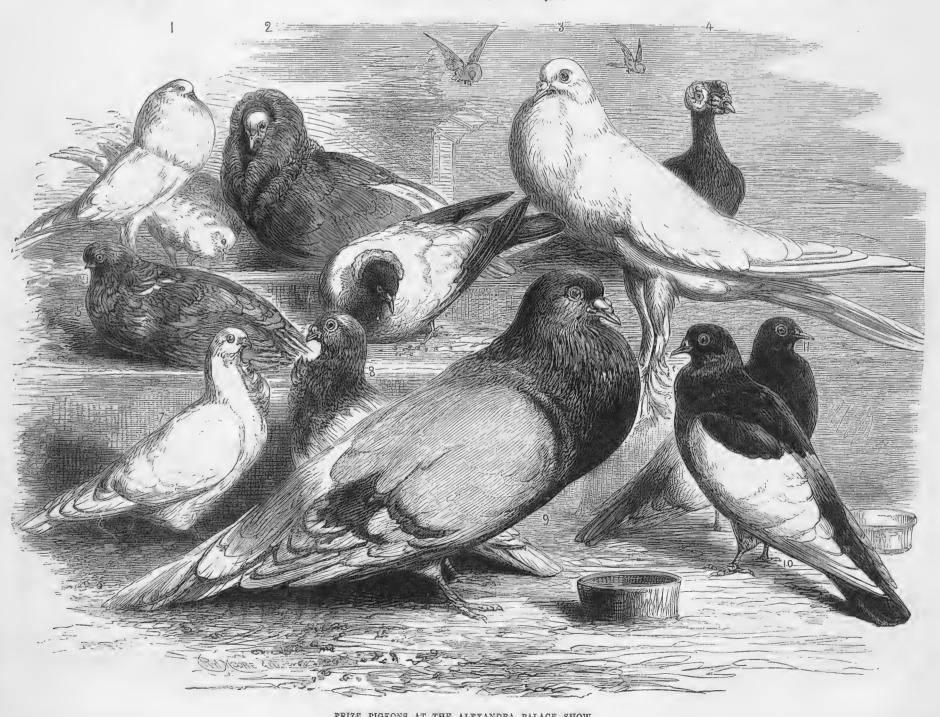
The principal race to-day was that for the DEWHURST PLATE of 300 sovs, added to a Sweepstakes of 25 sovs each, 15 ft, for two year olds; certain winners extra; the second to receive 200 sovs, and the third 100 sovs. Last seven furlongs of R.M. Result: Mineral colt, 1; Springfield, 2; tilendale, 3.

The Hon. Frank Lyon, second son of the Earl of Strathmore, was riding through the den of Ewine on horseback on Tuesday last, when he was thrown into a ditch, where he lay in a stunned condition until discovered by a gamekeeper, who had him conveyed to the castle.

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SKETCHES AT THE BALACLAVA BANQUET.



PRIZE PIGEONS AT THE ALEXANDRA PALACE SHOW.

## Our Captions Critic.

MR. Burnand's chief faults as a playwright are a paucity of idea and an ignorance of construction. The latter fault is somewhat surprising in him, considering the experience he has had of the stage and the numerous failures that have conspired to show him his weak points. His initial production at the Opéra Comique, however (the which theatre he essays to manage more satisfactorily than it has ever been managed before), displays a vagueness of purpose and a looseness of conformation that would suggest the suspicion of careless workmanship, were it not that the dialogue shows corresponding indications of labour and polishing. Mr. Burnand's merits are a certain facility for expressing eccentric types of character and an aptitude for inventing droll catch-words. Neither of these merits is of vital importance to a dramatist, neither of them is prominent in Proof Positive. To call this piece a comedy is to pay it a compliment it does not earn; for, although there is one incident in it sufficiently dramatic to form the motive of a one-act comedietta, the remaining constituents of the piece are little more than portions of drawing-room dialogue, such as we are familiar with in the modern novel.

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a company of very efficient artists to illustrate his vagaries. To begin with the newest importation from the American to our stage, Mr. George Clarke, I must say that, although this young actor has not made that profound sensation which one would have judged him from the wall-placards as calculated to make, he has not, on the other hand, been guilty of disappointing our expectations, but has shown himself to be a well-trained and self-possessed performer, of good physique and pleasant manner. Having said so much regarding the actor, let me examine the character he is called upon to illustrate. Henry Delavigne Beckford is introduced to us as a young married man, whose memory for faces is so wonderful that



it has impaired his memory for names. It is an instance of Mr. Burnand's belief in his own ideas that he has permitted an anticipatory quotation illustrative of this phase of eccentricity to be placarded about the town a week before the play had been acted. As a rule, authors wait until the public have discovered the good points of their works before advertising them as accepted bon-mots. There is none of this false modesty about the facetions author of "Happy Thoughts." He incubates his little witticism or drollery, and pronounces it good; and it is surprising what a number of people he finds to believe in him. "Amongst his early eccentricities" (to use Mr. Paulton's phrase) he wrote several burlesques, as they were called; one of which I was looking over a short time since, and I was highly diverted with some of the jokes (they were all italicised, by-the-bye), my amusement being, like Diggory's over the story of "Grouse in the gunroom," none the less genuine because the jokes were old ones. But, to return to the subject in hand, the character of

But, to return to the subject in hand, the character of Henry Delavigne Beckford in *Proof Positive* is cleverly sketched in its way; but the blunders of a man whose memory of faces is always playing tricks with him are scarcely material sufficient for building the interest of three acts upon. Amusing at the outset, they speedily become monotonous. Once you are acquainted with the receipt its point is dulled. The most ludicrous incident in which it is used is the occasion. The most ludicrous incident in which it is used is the occasion of Beckford's mistaking Buckle, the new butler, for the Rev. Archibald Mervyn, the new vicar. After this the mistakes grow too obvious, and become wearisome. The great blunder of his mistaking Mrs. Wellesley for his first wife, from whom he had been divorced, and who is supposed to be dead, though not without its dramatic possibilities, is too improbable, and has a suggestion of masquerading which robs it of any serious interest attaching to it. Yet upon this incident the whole plot (if plot it can be called) of Proof Positive depends. All the other affairs of the piece are the merest and sketchiest excuses for putting good actors on the stage and giving them opportunities of talking. Some of the incidents and dialogue are of the most



puerile kind. And the greater part of the first act is a triumph of triviality. As everyone is aware, the opening of a drama requires a great—nay, perhaps, the greatest—amount of skill dramatic. It must be an exposition of the state of affairs in the story. This boldly and broadly suggested at the outset is more than half the battle won, for it engages the attention of



the spectator and prepossesses him in favour of the play. It is George Henry Lewis, I think, who, in his lectures upon the Spanish drama, gives as a good instance of this dramatic exposition the opening of one of Lope de Vega's comedies. The scene is outside a church porch. Inez (or whatever her name is) is just upon entering. She drops her glove. From the right springs forward Don Juan, from the left Don Leon (rival lovers), each with the object of picking up the glove. Here is the situation before even a word has been spoken. To prevent the two from fighting Donna Inez ing up the glove. Here is the situation before even a word has been spoken. To prevent the two from fighting Donna Inez is obliged to make some sort of decision between them. And, to shield the life of the one she prefers, with feminine strategy she pretends to incline towards his rival. And so on. The first act of Romeo and Juliet also is a fine example of rapid dramatic exposition. It is all action. A street bawl, the rival houses of Montagu and Capulet, and you have the whole position of affairs set before your very eyes without any confidential "asides" or roundabout allusions to what is about to happen by and by e. by and bye.

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In respect of this, the first act, *Proof Positive* is most tamely and unskilfully contrived. Nearly half an hour is wasted in the silly flirtation of two good-looking *jeunes* with two pretty but amateurish young ladies before the spectator is actually presented with any clear explanation of who is who, and what somebody else means by doing so-and-so. In fact, as I stated before, the materials out of which the piece has been put together are too meagre for the occasion. And like our multitudinous three-volume novelists, Mr. Burnand has striven to spin out of the slenderest of yarns a dramatic garment sufficient to clothe a whole company of able actors. It would have been better to clothe one thoroughly than thus to expose all to the better to clothe one thoroughly than thus to expose all to the bitterness of the frost.

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We have few droller comedians than Mr. W. J. Hill. Indeed, he has a talent for making much out of meagre materials. It is strange that Mr. Burnand's humorous resources (which I am told are great) should not have enabled him to furnish Mr. Hill with any more original sketch than the feeble repetition of Vanderpump in Brighton, and Bopoddy in the Wedding March, that is presented to us in Antony Crumbley in Proof Positive. "What do you say, my dear? Oh, yes; yes." All the old familiar expressions that have



echoed up hill and down dale in company with the volatile Robert Sackett are here feebly reverberated. It is true Mr. Hill is, nevertheless, funny. His manner of toddling up and down steps would anywhere provoke a smile. But I was in hopes Mr. Burnand would have, at least, given him a pendant for Bulstrode Effingham in Tom Cobb.

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Mr. Flockton is another clever actor whom I am glad to see back in London; but I trust we are to see him to better advantage than in this part of Fritz-Rosenbrand. It a colourless, unmeaning, and unsatisfactory sketch. Miss M. Oliver is also a valuable acquisition to the Opera Comique stage; and altogether her performance is the most satisfactory. Of the young men little more can be said than that Mr. Herbert is very well dressed, Mr. Temple's clothes don't seem to fit him, and Mr. Markby's beard gives one the idea that it is a disguise, which he intends pulling off at the end of the play.

THE PHENIX BESSEMER STEEL WORKS .- The Sheffield Daily Telegraph states that Mr. Henry Steel, the well-known book-maker, has become the purchaser of these extensive works, which have been carried on since 1873 as a limited liability concern. The purchase-money is £37,000. The works are capable of producing 50,000 tons of steel ingots per annum, and 800 tons of rails per week.

AMERICAN THOROUGHBREDS EN VOYAGE TO ENGLAND.—The New York Turf, Field, and Farm informs us that Mr. M. H. Sanford's string of thoroughbreds, some of which are entered in the Derby, St. Leger, the Oaks, the Two Thousand Guineas, and the Grand Prix de Paris, were to leave on the steamer Holland, for England, on Thursday, the 28th inst. Preakness

will be at the head of the string.

At the sale of the Suffolk horses, the property of the late Colonel Wilson, M.P. for West Suffolk, last Tuesday, the two-year-old entire colt. Prince Imperial, the prize-winner of the Royal show this year, was bought at 350gs by Sir Richard Wallace. The Empress, the winner of Royal and other prizes, sold for 205gs (Mr. Roper); Rougham, a two-year-old filly, 130gs. A two-year-old colt, Viceroy, winner of prizes at Essex and Suffolk shows, 210gs, was sold to Sir Richard Cartwright. Two brood mares were sold for Ireland at 110gs.

#### LIONEL BROUGH.

WE feel great pleasure in being enabled to present our readers with a singularly striking characteristic portrait of widely-popular "Lal Brough." The artist has wrought at his congenial task with a loving pencil, and the only difficulty which stops the way of the biographer is the sheer impossibility of compressing within ordinary limits all that might fairly be said and very much that ought to be said about one of the ablest comedians on the English stage—one who is elsewhere the very best of good fellows. Stop, there is another difficulty. Anxious to tell the truth about him, and nothing but the truth, we are the while haunted by the suspicion that outside his circle of friends and admirers (and what an extensive circle it is!) there may be people who never heard of Lionel Brough, and who will possibly question the good taste of his biographer. But no matter. We are sure of the abiding favour of our audience. The piece may be indifferently written, but the actor will carry the author through; and if the artist fail, the man is certain to succeed. Why, if Charles Lamb had known "Lal" he would have enshrined him in his heart of hearts, alongside of Elliston and Munden. Would have written delightfully and imbibed deeply in his service. Would have held him up to the admiration of Hazlitt and young Talfourd as a comedian of the rare old fashion. As for "Lal," there can be no earthly doubt that if he had known the gentle Elia he would have played the part of the hero in "Mr. H.," and made it 90.

But to our task. Lionel Brough is the son of the late Barnabas Brough, who, under the nom de plume of Barnard de Burgh, wrote the plays of Mrs. Veal's Ghost and Dr. Syntax in London. These pieces were produced at the Olympic, and each ran about six weeks, which was a long life for a play in those remote days. Lionel's brothers were—the world had sustained incalculable loss when we first had to speak of them in the past tense-William and Robert, dramatic authors; and John, a remarkably able writer on scientific subjects. His sister, Louisa, is the secretary to the Society for the Improvement of the Education of Women. From what we have said, it will be seen that Lionel comes of a singularly gifted family. There was more than a mere dash of ink in their blood, and very early in life the boys gave tokens of their after-celebrity as literary men. We believe we are right in stating that William acquired a knowledge of the printing business under the genial care of Mr. Henning, of the Illustrated London News, while Lionel ("that young imp!") was not slow to show his aptitude for stage-business by his occasional capers in the publishing department of that journal, familiarly termed the "front office." But we anticipate. Lionel was born at Pontypool, in Monmouthshire, on March 10, 1836. He played a short utility engagement at the Lyceum under Madame Vestris, and then he abjured the stage, as was imagined, for ever, in favour of the press. He "published" the first number of the Daily Telegraph, which was then entitled the Daily Telegraph and Courier. Subsequently he joined Mr. Falconer at the Lyceum, with whom he remained a short time, and then again left the stage and went on to the Morning Star (this was in the year 1854), with which paper he was connected for a period of five years. In 1862 the attractions of his first love proved too strong for him, and he once again trod the boards, this time at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Liverpool. This may be fixed as the period when he began regular work. His first part was that of Jupiter in Ixion. It is worthy of note that he was the original John Chodd, junior, in Society (before the piece was produced in London) and Squire Chevy in Garrick. In or about the year 1867 he returned to London, and appeared at the Queen's as Dard in The Double Marriage, and afterwards as Uncle Ben (one of the finest of his creations) in Dearer than Life. He subsequently fulfilled a two-seasons' engagement at the St. James's Theatre, under the management of Mrs. John Wood, and afterwards went to the Holborn Theatre, then under the management of Mr. Fell. While he was at that establishment he played what was possibly the best burlesque part he ever created, that of Baron de Gondremark in La Vie Parisienne. Again we find him at the St. James's with Mrs. John Wood, delighting the town with his portrayal of Tony Lumpkin and his exquisite fooling in burlesque. Between whiles he visited the provinces.

It will be recollected that Lionel Brough had the entire management of Covent Garden Theatre during the Babil and Bijou period, when his superb acting in that wonderful piece won a hearty compliment from the Spectator. During the twelve months he subsequently spent at the Gaiety he "played many parts," all of them well and some with distinguished success. In this connection it may be mentioned that he formed one of the great cast of John Bull with Charles Mathews and Phelps. His inimitable acting in Blue Beard at Charing Cross and afterwards at the Globe must be fresh in the recollection of the reader. Likewise the perfect yet irresistibly comic manner in which he played the part of a policeman in the harlequinade. We have little more to add. Columns of exhaustive analyses of his far-reaching art might be written to prove his right to a proud position amongst the best actors of the day; but that is, happily, unnecessary. Those who have seen "Lal Brough" know perfectly well that in whatever he undertakes he has absolutely no superior, and very few, if any, equals.

At some risk, and with no little fear and trembling, we will

conclude our notice with a quotation from the letter which contains the majority of the facts set forth above. He contains the majority of the facts set forth above. He says:—"I never refused a part, nor to play for a benefit; am not good-looking, but kind to my mother." In the sentence which we have italicised the home side of Lionel Brough's arduous life is perfectly enterprised. arduous life is perfectly epitomised.

Shooting in Virginia.—Game of all varieties is reported as exceedingly abundant in the Old Dominion this year. The best season there is in November, after the weeds have been cut down by frost. A perfectly new field to sportsmen is opened by the railway from Lynchburg to Danville. The Old Dominion line of steamers from New York to Norfolk offers the best possible conveyance for sportsmen and dogs to a magnificent shooting country.

#### THE ALEXANDRA PALACE PIGEON SHOW.

Snows! Where will the rage for shows end? Babies, pigs, barmaids, potatoes, cabmen, cats, dogs, cattle, horses, and Balaclava chargers have fretted their little hour upon the stage; but the "People's William" (William Holland, bien entendu) can scarcely have exhausted the list of showable subjects yet. It was Sir Edward Lee, however, who covered himself with glory by conceiving the grand idea of exhibiting the heres of the Balaclava charges at the Alexandra Palace. the heroes of the Balaclava charge at the Alexandra Palace—with how jovial a result our artist humorously indicates—and perhaps the one thing lacking to make the show complete was perhaps the one thing lacking to make the show complete was a liberal award of prizes to the gallant warriors who so lustily cheered Sir Edward when he eloquently sang their praises. Rather tame, by comparison, was the show of poultry and pigeons at the Alexandra Palace last week, albeit some may think the latter exhibition a more appropriate attraction for Muswell Hill, or, at any rate, one in better taste, than the bacchic celebration of Monday last. The show took place in the Central Hall, and was admirably arranged, the pigeons and poultry being exhibited on tables of a convenient height for viewing. Remarkably fine were the poultry: the Cochins excellent, the markably fine were the poultry: the Cochins excellent, the Brahma classes ditto, the Crèvecœurs superb, while ducks and geese were wonderfully good. Appetising though it would be to linger over the excellencies of the most toothsome-looking of ducks, we are compelled to turn from poultry to pigeons, and add the process of the price of the pr and add the names of the prize-winners represented by the pencil of Mr. R. H. Moore:—

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1. Mr. W. B. Tegetmeier's first prize Pigmy Pouter. 2. Mr. J. Pyper's Jacobin. 3. Messrs. L. and W. Watkin's first prize White Pouter Cock. 4. Mr. W. G. Hammock's first prize Black Carrier Hen. 5. Mr. R. Fulton's first prize Mottled Tumbler. 6. Miss F. Slanor's first prize Nun. 7. Mr. J. Schweitzer's first prize Foreign Owl. 8. Mr. T. G. Sprunt's "Any Other Colour" English Owl. 9. Mr. T. D. Green's first prize Runt. 10, 11. Mr. C. G. Hitchcock's first and second prize Black Magoje. prize Black Magpie.

#### PRICES OF GAME AND POULTRY AT LEADENHALL MARKET.

Forty years ago Ostend rabbits were brought to England on sticks by the captains trading to and from Belgium. The so-called "funny" papers of that day called them "skinned cats," and the prejudice against them was so great that it was difficult to effect sales. The quantity sent to England at that time was only ten or twelve dozen weekly. Last week 600 crates arrived by steamers, weighing nearly 1500 cwt.; and they were all sold within six hours of their arrival to cheesemongers and street dealers, realising, nearly 5500°, the client they were all sold within six hours of their arrival to cheese-mongers and street-dealers, realising nearly £5000; the skins fetching £2000, and, when tanned, are sent off to Russia and China. It may be asked, why should not the agricultural classes in this country be taught to follow the example of the Belgians, and thus assist to provide food for the inhabitants of our densely-populated cities? Prices of game and poultry have ruled pretty much as follows:—Turkeys, 5s. to 10s. each; hen ditto, 3s. to 7s.; geese, 4s. to 8s.; ducks, 1s. 6d. to 6s. 6d.; fowls, large, 4s. to 6s.; Sussex, 2s. to 3s.; various, 2s. to 3s.; barn-door, 1s. to 1s. 6d.; rabbits, 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d., tame; 1s. to 1s. 6d., wild; pigeons (young), 6d. to 9d.; live (old), 6d. to 9d.; wild wood-pigeons, 9d.; larks, per doz., 2s.; pheasants, 2s. 6d. to 5s. each; hares and leverets, 2s. 6d. to 4s. 6d.; partridges, 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.; grouse, 3s. to 4s.; capercailzie, 3s. to 6s.; black game, 3s.; hares (Scotch), 2s. 6d.; quails (live Italian), 2s.; wild ducks, 2s.; widgeon, 1s.; teal, 1s.; woodcocks, 2s. 6d.; snipes, 1s.; plover, gold, 1s.; black plover, 6d. each. black ployer, 6d, each.

Monster Salmon.—On the eve of our going to press we have received a telegram from Mr. Frank Buckland requesting us to postpone the publication of his article, and the accompanying Engraving, until next week.

A COMPLIMENT.—The SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS this week has a spirited picture of the match between Galopin and Lowlander. The artist has evidently seen the horses, as he has faithfully drawn the two styles of going, which differ widely.

AT the Moreton-in-Marsh hound-show, on the 19th inst.

Ar the Moreton-in-Marsh hound-show, on the 19th Inst., the silver cup for the best couple of foxhounds was awarded to Lord Coventry's Rambler and Dahlia; and the silver cup for the best couple of harriers to Mr. Everett's (the B.V.H.) Daffodil and Ravager.

The riding of J. Prince, in the Bickley Hurdle Stakes and Selling Hurdle Race, at Bromley, was considered so unsatisfactory that he was summoned before the stewards, who issued the following:—"The stewards consider the riding of Prince most unsatisfactory, and caution him as to his future conduct; most unsatisfactory, and caution him as to his future conduct; at the same time, they fully exonerate Mr. Pooley. Signed: Lord Marcus Beresford, Mr. T. V. Morgan."

The Bicycle Ride from Paris to Vienna.—This feat has been accomplished by one of the Frenchmen who started from the Châton d'Er. Brois has the Châton d'Er. Brois has the Châton d'Er.

been accomplished by one of the Frenchmen who started from the Château d'Eu, Paris, last Tuesday fortnight, on a couple of "gentlemen's bicycles," made by the Coventry Machinists Company. M. Laumaille arrived in Vienna last Sunday evening, according to a telegram, "as fresh as a daisy," the machine being still perfect, after going over nearly 700 miles of ground in twelve days and three or four hours, the greater part of the roads being in a horrible condition from the long-continued rains. His companion broke down after 600 miles of the journey had been accomplished. had been accomplished.

THE LONDON AND BRIGHTON COACH HORSES.—At Aldridge's, on Wednesday, the entire stud of horses which have worked the coach this summer between London and Brighton were sold by auction. Many of the high-bred roadsters fetched from 75gs to 145gs. A well-matched pair of chestnuts realised 205gs and there was a spirited competition for several of the 305gs, and there was a spirited competition for several of the horses, which were purchased for hunting purposes.

Miss Eva Ross-Church.—Our Edinburgh Correspondent writes as follows:—"Mr. W. S. Gilbert's dramatic contrast entitled Sweethearts was played at the Edinburgh Operetta House last week, the parts of Harry Spreadbrow and Jenny Northcott being filled by Mr. Albert Montgomery and Miss Eva Ross-Church (a daughter of Mrs. Ross-Church, better known as Florence Marryat). The débutante's rendering of Jenny, although, of course, it lacks the charming piquancy and grace which characterised Mrs. Bancroft's delineation of the same rôle, possesses some good points; indeed, her portrayal of the elderly spinster in the second act is highly effective, and leaves little doubt that, with further study and experience, this lady will make a fair comedy-actress. Mr. Montgomery was hardly suited for the character of Spreadbrow, and his improvement of the root the second act. and his impersonation of the part did not therefore create a very favourable impression.

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## Hunting.

The Empress of Austria will not, says the World, be present at the first November meet of the Quorn, as she had intended to be. This change of plan is not caused by any bad results of her Majesty's fall a few weeks ago in France. Indeed, the severity of the fall in question has been very greatly exaggerated. A very well known riding-master was with the Empress when she met with her accident, which he describes as but a very tritling one. Her Majesty's sister, however, the ex-Queen of Naples, intends hunting in the grass countries this season, and eight horses have already been dispatched to Northamptonshire for her use. As the ex-Queen is not only a light weight but one of the most fearless of women—Gaeta showed that—and had experience last year to hounds, she is safe to be in the first flight, as her small stud is one of the best in the shires.

The Windsor Garrison Drag Hounds had their opening meet last Monday. Previous to the run the Colonel and officers of the first battalion Scots Fusilier Guards entertained officers of the first battalion Scots Fusilier Guards entertained the sporting gentlemen and farmers to luncheon at the Victoria-street Barracks. At half-past two o'clock the hounds (fifteen couple) were trotted to Bullock's Hatch, the residence of Lord Ruthven. The line of country selected for the run was from the Nag's Head, running nearly a ring, and finishing at the back of the Windsor rifle butts, over a good stiff hunting country, with plenty of fencing. The going was very heavy, owing to the recent rains: Amongst those out were Lord Charles Innes Ker (the master), Captain Follett, Lady Julia Follett, Colonel Grant G. Gordon, Captain Popham, Captain Smythe, Mr. E. Aldridge, Mr. J. P. Boyce, Mr. C. Wise, Mr. H. Allnutt, Mr. H. Lurmon, and a goodly number of the farmers, and many of the officers from both regiments. These hounds will, we understand, be hunted regularly twice aweek—viz., Wednesdays and Saturdays. viz., Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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#### RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

The Australasian of Sept. 4 says:—The regular flat-racing season was opened at Hawkesbury on Wednesday, Aug. 25, the meeting extending over two days. A good many Victorians had gone over to be present at it, and also at the Randwick Spring Meeting, which commences to-day, Sept. 4, and will be continued on the following Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, the club having adopted the plan of having an intermediate day of rest between the days of requiring. mediate day of rest between the days of running. The principal races of interest at Hawkesbury were the Guineas and the Grand Handicap. For the former the Valetta colt, by Kingston, was a strong favourite, and he justified the confidence of his friends by making the best of a bad start, in which he had all the advantage, and winning hands down. The Sylvia colt only got third place, the Victorian colt Richmond gaining second honours. Clifton, Hyperion, Barbara, Guelder Rose, and Kismet also ran. The Grand Handicap brought out a field of thirteen horses, of which number Goldsbrough was the favourite at 7 to 2, 6 to 1 being laid agst Ladybird at 1 to 1 bear 1 and 10 2. brough was the favourite at 7 to 2, 6 to 1 being laid agst Ladybird, 8 to 1 agst Benjiroo, and 10 to 1 agst Calumny. The race was a very exciting one, and was cleverly won by the New Zealand mare Calumny, now owned by Mr. J. B. Wallis, the bookmaker, ably ridden by Yeomans, by two lengths. The three next horses—Ladybird, Kingfisher, and King of the West—were close together; Sweetbriar was fifth, and Goldsbrough sixth. The time was 3min 35sec, the fastest on record here for two miles. On the second day Janitor, by Kelpie, won the Maiden Plate, the Sylvia colt second, and Gillio won the Maiden Plate, the Sylvia colt second, and Gillic Callum third. Richmond won the Marcs' Produce Stakes, and the Turf Club Handicap was won easily by King of the West, 5 yrs, 7st; Stanlope, 6 yrs, 7st 4lb, second; and Athos, 4 yrs, 6st 7lb, third; the mile and a half being covered 2min 4lsec. The meeting hardly created so much interest as formerly, and the Governor, Sir H. Robinson, was unable to be present, owing to the funeral of Commodore Goodenough.

IT IS ANNOUNCED that General Sir James Alexander, K.C.B., has joined the board of directors of the Briton Life Association, and that Dr. William Henry Pilkington, J.P., Clayton-le-Moors, Lancashire, and Mr. James H. Clarke, Nottingham, have become extraordinary directors of the same association.

BRIGHTON AQUARIUM.—The young sea-lions from the coast of California were shown to the public for the first time at the Brighton Aquarium last Monday. They are from 5tt to 6tt in length, and when full grown will measure from 12tt to 15tt. The baby porpoise recently caught off the North Foreland is still on view.

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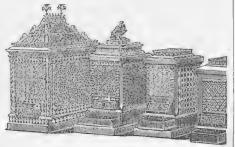
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6. ANGELICA, a bay mare (foaled 1864), by St. Albans out of Lady Ann, by Touchstone, her dam Susan, by Ellis out of Tesane, by Whisker; covered by Mars.

7. SHERWOOD LASS (foaled 1871) (half sister to Winslow), by Robin Hood out of Creslow, by King Tom out of Lady, by Ordando out of Snow-drop, by Heron.

VAUCLUSE, a bay mare (foaled 1868), by Dollar out of Euryanthe, by The Baron out of Allumette, by Taurus—Orville mare, covered by Costa.

NEWMARKET HOUGHTON MEETING. MESSRS. TATTERSALL will hold their usual SALES of THOROUGHBRED STOCK in the PARK PADDOCKS, at NEW-MARKET, on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY in the Houghton Meeting.

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PARK, on MONDAY, NOV. 1, the property of a
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DALNAMAINE, chestnut mare, by Thormanby out of Mayonaise, by Teddington, 4 yrs; covered by York.

CRITERION, by Caterer out of Countess of Burlington, by Touchstone, 2 yrs; untried.

BROOD MARES.

SUZANNE, by Tournament out of Susannah, 9 yrs; covered by Dalnacardoch and York.

LA FAYE, brown mare, by Man-at-Arms out of Mistra, by Epirus, 5 yrs; covered by Dalnacardoch.

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IFE GUARDSMAN, a Yorkshire captain of the Guards out of a magnificent bay coaching mare of Mr. Easby's; her dam was also a grand bay coaching mare. Captain of the Guards was by Guardsman out of Mr. Faweett's Paulinus, by Mr. Burton's Old Paulinus; her dam by Gamon, granddam by Lambkin, great granddam by Mr. Agar's Old Horse.

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horses from Johnasters, with Hacks and Harness Horses,
Cobs, and Ponies, from Noblemen and Gentlemen, new
and secondhand Carriages, Harness, three Guernsey
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the property of G. J. Tanton, Esq., of Birchington,
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The MILE SELLING RACE of 5 sovs each, with 35 sovs added, for two-year-old, 7st, three. sst 4lb, four and upwards, 10st; m. and g. allowed 3lb; the winner to be sold by auction for 100 sovs, and any surplus to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the fund; if entered to be sold for 70 sovs allowed 5lb. One mile.

mile.

To close and name to the Clerk of the Course, at the White Hart Hotel, Lewes, by seven o'clock the evening before running.

The CASTLE STAKES of 5 sovs cach, with 35 added for two-years-old, 7st 7lb, three, 8st 9lb, four and upwards, 9st 2lb; m. and g. allowed 3lb; the winner to be sold by auction for 100 sovs, and any surplus to be clivided between the owner of the second horse and the fund; if entered to be sold for 50 sovs allowed 7lb.

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White Hart Hotel, Lewes, by seven o'clock the evening before running.:

A SELLING HURDLE RACE of 5 sovs each, with 30 added, for three-year-olds, 10st 7lb; four, 11st 7lb; five and unwards, 12st; the winner to be sold by auction for 100 sovs, and any surplus to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the fund; if entered to be sold for 50 sovs, allowed 7lb. One mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles.

To close and name to the Clerk of the Course, at the White Hart Hotel, Lewes, by seven o'clock the evening before running.

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The TOWN PLATE (handicap) of 70 sovs; any winner after the publication of the weights (Oct. 28, at 10 a.m.) to carry 7lb extra; any number of horses the property of the same owner may run for this plate; entrance, 3 sovs each, to go to the fund. T.Y.C.

Age st lb

Mr. Cheese's Conspiracy	6	- 8	12	
Mr. Jesse Winfield's Banshee	5	8	10	
Mr. F. G. Hobson's York		8		
Mr. Ellerton's Ursula	3		. 5	
Lord Poulett's Violet	3	8	5	
Mr. Murietta's Puzzle		8		
Mr. Ellerton's Miss Patrick	4	8	0	
Mr. I. Bate's Worcester	3	7 7 7	12	
Mr. C. S. Hardy's Lord Dover	4	7	10	
Mr. G. Herring's Mystery	4	7	10	
Mr. T. Golby's br f Restless, by Orest	в	7	10	
Mr. Chapman's f by General Peel—Famine	3	7	7	
Mr. J. Bambridge's Watchword	5	7	· 4	
Mr. W. Kennedy's Vanish	6	.7.	4	
Mr. J. Bambridge's Elsham Lad	3	7	2	
Mr. H. Goater's b c Monarch, by Lord				
Clifden out of Microscope  Mr. J. Barnard's Huntingdon	3	7	2	
Mr. J. Barnard's Huntingdon	3	6	10	
Mr. J. B. Oerton's br m Red Rose	3	- 6	10	
Mr. S. Evershed's May Boy	· 3	. 6	7	
Mr. J. B. Oerton's br m Red Rose Mr. S. Evershed's May Boy Mr. W. H. Harvey's Letty Hyde.	3	6	6.0	
The CORINTHIAN STAKES (Welter Ha	ndi	icar	0 (0	f
5 soys each, 2 ft to the fund, with 50 soys a				
winner after the publication of the weights (				
10 a.m.) to carry 71b [extra: gentlemen rider	s;	pr	ofes	-
sionals to carry 5lb extra; T.Y.C. (18 subs.)				
			lb	
Mr. Cheese's Conspiracy	6	11	12	

sionals to carry 51b extra; T.Y.C. (18 subs.)				
,,,	a	st	lb	
Mr. Cheese's Conspiracy	6	11	12	
Mr F. G Hobson's Vork	6	11	9	
Mr. W. Bevill's Væ Victis	3	11	7	
Mr. S. Tibbs's Sylvanus	5	11	4	
Mr. Ellerton's Miss Patrick	4	11	. 0	
Mr. T. Golby's Restless, by Orest	6	10	10	
Mr. E. Hobson's Miss Alice	3	10	9	
Mr. H. C. Legge's Faerie	4	10	9	
Mr. H. C. Legge's Faerie	3	10	5	
Lord Maidstone's Zaccheus	n.	10	5	
Mr. J. Bambridge's Watchword	5	10	4	
Mr. Lane's Flintlock Mr. I. Bate's Idle Girl	3	10	2	
Mr. I. Bate's Idle Girl	5	10	2	
Mr. E. R. Bainbridge's br c by Victorious				
out of Adelaide, by West Australian Mr. J. Bambridge's Elsham Lad. Mr. H. Goater's Monarch	3	10	2	
Mr. J. Bambridge's Elsham Lad	3	10	2	
Mr. H. Goater's Monarch	3	10	2	
Mr. G. Lambert's Balbriggan	3	10	0	
Mr. Vane's Melrose	3	9	7	
The LEWIS ATTRIBUTED IT AND ICAD of 15	803	79 6	done.	

The LEWES AUTUMN HANDICAP of 15 sovs each, 5 ft, with 100 added; the winner of any handicap value 100 sovs after the publication of the weights (Oct. 28, at 10 a.m.) to carry 7th extra; of the Brighton Autumn Handicap, 101b; any other winner, 3lb extra; entrance, 3 sovs each, to go to the fund, which will be the only liability if struck out by one o'clock on the Tuesday before running. One mile. (15 subs)

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Mr. Gomm's Lemnos	4	9	0
Mr. James Nightingall's Hampton	3	7	7
Mr. James Nightingall's Hampton Lord M. Beresford's Caramel	B.	7	7
Mr. Deard's Glaucus	a	7	4
Mr. Teevan's Kilmore	23.	6	
Mr. W. Bevill's Cato	4	6	7
Mr. E. Hobson's Emerald	4	6	7
Mr. C. S. Hardy's Lord Dover		6	7
Mr. Golby's Bay Middleton	4	6	4
Mr. Grainger's b f Quick March		6	2
Mr. Ellerton's Hestia	3	5	7
Mr. J. Smith's br c by Speculum-Ladylike	3	5	7
Mr. J. B. Oerton's b m Red Rose	3	5	7
Mr. J. W. Macdonald's Merry Maid	3	5	7
Mr. Mannington's Bull's-Eye	4 (	dr	.)
A HURDLE HANDICAP RACE of 5	ROVS	68	ich.
2 ft to the fund, with 50 added; any winner			
race after the publication of the weights			
10 a.m.) to carry,71b extra. One mile and a			
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	Age	st	1b
Mr. T. Read's, jun., Little Princess	a.	12	7
Mr. Percival's Rattle	6	12	o
Mr R M Sadlier's Don Ricardo	Ω	11	12
Mr. W. Burton's Maid of the Mill	5	11	m2.
Mr. W. Burton's Maid of the Mill Mr. O. Dash's Ropedancer	- 5	-11-	. 7
Mr. J. Spraggett's The Fop, by Cambuscan	O		1 3
out of Cassiope	A	11	
Mr. Smithson's Hermita	1	11	. 5
Mr. Coode's Chancellor	176	11	"A
Mr. E. W. Dunn's Stanton	6	11	A
Mr. Vane's Marlow	5	11	. 4
Mr. E. Hobson's Emerald	4	11	0
Mr. Savage's Framboise			
Ld Maidstone's Baronet (late Collingham)	A	10	10
		10	10
Mr. T. Golby's br f Agnes Peel, by General		10	AU
Peel out of Marie Agnes, by Cossack	A	10	77
Mr. Sanford's Minnie Warren	4	10	. 6
Mr. E. W. Dunn's Louisa	4		4
Mr. W. Burton's Surmise	4	10	
		10	
Mr. Jno. Nightingall's Mechanic		10	
Mr. Ellerton's Hestia Mr. East's Sivori	0	10	
Mr. East's bivort	0		
Mr. Lane's Flintlock	0	10	.2
Mr. J. Winfield's Friar Tuck	- 33	10	0
Mr. F. Barling's Minnehaha	4	10	0
Mr. S. Blount's ch m Snowdrop, by Carlton,			. ^
out of Emerald :		10	
DIT. Validitati a Cocolo	3	10	0
Mr. C. S. Hardy's Athlete, by Gladiateur,			
out of Rambling Kate	3	10	0
Mr. Tuckwell's Antidote	3	(p)	ays
The TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES of 5 sox	/8 €	acl	n fo

The TWO-YEAR-OLD STAKES of 5 sovs each for runners, with 50 added, for colts, 9st; fillies and geldings, 8st fillb; any previous winner of 100 sovs to carry 5lb; of two such stakes, or of 300 sovs at any one time, 9lb extra; maidens allowed 5lb; the winner to be sold by auction in the usual way for 200 sovs, or to carry 14lb extra, such exception from sale to be claimed at the time of entry; entrance 2 sovs each, to go the fund. T.Y.C.

E. Brayley's f, by Atherstone out of Birette

(£200) r. W. Cave's b c Hackfield, by Kettledrum, out of

AIr. W. Cave's be Hackneid, by Rettledrum, out of Pompano (£200)
Captain Fletcher's b c, by Caractacus out of Anna, by Idle Boy (not to be sold)
Mr. Joyce's Alexandra (late Ipecacuanha) £200.
Mr. H. Marsh's ch f by Narbonne out of Pakrita.
Mr. T. Stevens's Curator (not to be sold).
Mr. T. Stevens's Instructor (£200).

SECOND DAY.

The SOUTHDOWN CLUB WELTER PLATE (handiesp) of 70 sovs; any winner after the publication of the weights to carry 71b; the lowest weight to be 11st; to be ridden by members of the Club only. Entrance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds of the club. T.Y.C. To close and name to the Clerk of the Course, by six o'clock the evening before running.

The HOUNDEAN PLATE (handicap) of 50 sovs; the winner to be sold by auction for 50 sovs, and any surplus to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the fund; entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the fund. T.Y.C.

T.Y.C.
To close and name to the Clerk of the Course by six o'clock the evening before running.
The GUY FAWKES STAKES of 5 sovs each, with 40 sovs added, for two-year-olds, 8st, and three-year-old, 9st 2lb; fillies and geldings allowed 3lb; the winner to be sold by auction for 100 sovs. and any surplus to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the fund; if entered to be sold for 50 sovs, allowed 7lb; T.Y.C.
To close and name to the Clerk of the Course by six

TRING: If entered to be sold for 50 soys, allowed 710;
T.Y.C.

To close and name to the Clerk of the Course by six o'clock the evening before running.

A SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE-RACE of 5 soys each, 2 ft., with 25 soys added. The winner to be sold by auction for 70 soys, and any surplus to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the fund. One mile and a half, over six flights of hurdles.

To close and name to the Clerk of the Course by six o'clock the evening before running.

The NURSERY STAKES (handicap) of 10 soys. each for runners, with 80 soys added, for two-year-olds; any winner after the publication of the weights (Oct. 28, at ten a.m.) to carry 71b extra; entrance 3 soys each to go to the fund. T.Y.C.

to the fund. T.Y.C.

Mrs. Drewitt's Lady Mostyn
Mr. Langland's Lucy Hawk
Mrs. Drewitt's Sensation.
Mr. Pooley's Crecy
Mr. G. Crook's Knight of the Bath
Mr. Ellerton's Marcelle
Mr. Bryson's Lyceum
Lord St. Vincent's Mabel
Mr. T. Hughes's Maria Theresa.
Mr. W. Bevill's Mizpah
Mr. Savage's Cowslip
Mr. Fleet's Hengist
Mr. W. H. Harvey's Medora
Mr. T. Goddard's Recruit
Mr. W. G. Stevens's Mrs. Gamp
Mr. Hardinge's c by Merry Maker, dam's
pedigree unknown
Mr. R. Goddard's La Tamise (late Emulation)
Mrs. Egginton's b c by Blair'Athol—Ellermire
Mr. Golby's Gaff.
Mr. Golby's Gaff.
Mr. Golby's Gaff.
Mr. Golby's Glance
Mr. Trimmer's Hopbloom
Mr. Joyce's Alexandra (late Ipecacuanha)
Mr. E. Brayley's f by Atherstone out of
Birette.
Mr. H. Goater's Bournemouth Brette.
Mr. H. Goater's Bournemouth
Mr. Teevan's ch f by King Victor out of
Jeanette, by Newcourt.
Mr. Mannington's Deloraine

Mr. Mannington's Deloraine 60

A SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP PLATE of 50 sovs, for two-year-olds; the winner to be sold by auction for 100 sovs, and any surplus to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the fund; any winner after the publication of the weights (Oct. 28, at 10 a.m.) to carry 51b extra; any number of horses the property of the same owner may run for this plate; entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the fund. Half a mile.

mile.	81	t lb
Mr. F. L. Barrington's Dolus.		
Mr. Jesse Winfield's Mouse (late Lolo)		
Mr. Mannington's Ballarat	- 8	9
Duke of Montrose's Philip Green (late Yellow		
Boy)		7
Mr. H. C. Legge's The Baron	8	- 5
Mr. Crook's Laird of Glenlochay		2
Lord Maidstone's Angelina	-8	0
Mr. A. Gwynne's Belle of Eltham	- 8	0
Mr. Stanhope Inglis's Nonentity	. 2	12
The WELTER CUP (handicap), value 50 sovs	3, 8	dde

The WELTER CUP (handicap), value 50 sovs, added to a Sweepstakes of 5 sovs each, 2 ft, to the fund; any winner after the publication of the weights (Oct. 28, at 10 a.m.) to carry 71b extra. Gentlemen riders—professionals 31b extra. One mile and a half. (17 subs.)

Age st 1b

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Lord M. Beresford's Caramel	a 11 12
Lord St. Vincent's Beau Brummel	4 11 9
Mr. S. Tibbs's Sylvanus Mr. W. Burton's Maid of the Mill	5 11 2
Mr. W. Burton's Maid of the Mill	5 11 0
Mr. E. Hobson's Emerald	4 10 11
Mr. Teevan's Kilmore	St TO II
Mr. W. Bevill's Cato	4 10 11
Lord Maidstone's Zacchæus	a 10 7
Mr. E. Brayley's After-thought	5 10 5
Mr. J. Terry's Glenmarkie. Mr. R. Davey's Frank	3 10 .5
Mr. R. Davey's Frank	5 10 2
Mr. I. Bate's Idle Girl	5 10 2
Mr. G. Lambert's ch c Balbriggan	3 10 0
Mr. Ellerton's Hestia	3 9 10
Mr. J. Smith's br c by Speculum—Ladylike Mr. Vallender's Cocotte	3 9 10
Mr. Vallender's Cocotte	3 9 0
Mr. Mannington's Bulls-eye	4 dr.
In all races at this meeting three horses (th	e property
of different owners) to run-or only such-por	ion of the
added money will be given as the Stewards m	ly deem lit.

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The following valuable Stakes for this Meeting close and name on Tuesday first, Nov. 2, namely:—

1876. SECOND DAY.

The LAMBTON PLATE of 25 sovs each, p.p., with 100 sovs added, for now Yearlings, to run at two years old in 1876. T.Y.C.

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The TWENTIETH ZETLAND BIENNIAL STAKES of 10 sovs each, 5 forfeit, with 100 sovs added each year for now Yearlings, to run at two years old in 1876; on the third day, five furlongs; and again at three years old in 1877, on the first day. One mile and a half.

1877. SECOND DAY.

The HARDWICKE STAKES of 10 sovs each, 5 forfeit, with 100 sovs added for now Foals, to run at two years old in 1877. T.Y.C.

1878. SECOND DAY.

The GREAT NORTHEEN LEGER of 10 sovs each, 5 forfeit, with 200 sovs added for now Foals, to run at three years old in 1878. One mile and a half.

For full articles and particulars see "Racing Calendar" of this week (No. 45); or apply to Mr. Thomas Craggs, Clerk of the Races, Stockton-on-Tees.

A SHDOWN OPEN COURSING MEETING (by the kind permission of the Earl of Craven) will take place on MONDAY, FEB. 21, 1876, and following days, when the following Stakes will be run for:—
The CRAVEN CUP, for 61 Dogs and Bitches, all ages, at £6 10s. each, p.p., with a piece of Plate added of the value of £50.
The UFFINGTON CUP, for 32 Dogs and Bitches of 1874, £6 10s. each, p.p.
The above stakes close and name to the Hon. Sec., at the Red Lion, Lambourne, before 4 o'clock p.m., on Monday, Feb. 21, 1876, after which the draw will take place. All Nominations p.p.
Double Nominations not granted. An early application is requested.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Earl of Craven.

V. Long, Esq.

J. East, Esq.

The Judge will be elected by the Votes of the Subscribers.

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## THE ILLUSTRATED Sporting and Dramatic Hews.

LONDON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1875.

In a recent article we hinted at the advisability of betting being recognised by the Jockey Club in its forth-coming revision of racing law, and we advocated its recognition on the grounds that, the interests of racing and betting being avowedly inseparable, cases in dispute arising out of either the sport or its parasite should be decided upon by the same tribunal. As it is, the Jockey Club can only look to and act upon the letter of their law; and, so long as nothing can be proved contrary to their edicts, any power of inflicting punishment for offences in the highest degree prejudicial to the interests of the turf, but without the pale of Jockey Club jurisdiction, is most unreasonably withheld. It is almost needless to premise that most of our recent turf scandals have had their origin in malarmetics corrected with have had their origin in malpractices connected with betting, disputes in connection with which may be brought before and settled by Tattersall's Committee; but this body has no power to interfere with transactions the perpetrators of which deserve to be summarily warned off the turf, with no more consideration or compunction than would be felt in the case of a Dan Dawson or a Goody Levy. We have been told over and over again that betting is inseparable from racing; and it must therefore strike any unprejudiced person as anomalous in the highest degree that the powers that be should refuse to recognise the one which requires to the full as much control and regulation as the other. There is plenty of experience and judicial wisdom among the governing body without going further afield to recruit a mixed committee, such as that which now decides disputes on betting matters; and the public would more willingly place themselves in the hands of men like General Peel, Mr. Payne, and Admiral Rous, sitting as a sort of permanent council, than avail themselves of present opportunities for having the causes tried before a court, the proceedings of which are hampered with as much inconvenience and delay as that experienced by Chancery suitors. If the fusion of law and equity be as possible as it is eminently desirable, there is surely nothing to stand in the way of harmonising the rules of racing with the laws of betting, so as to avoid the incongruity of one horse being entitled to the stakes and another to the bets. Recent occurrences, too, have made it more than ever desirable that bookmakers should be brought more directly under Jockey Club control;

and the idea originally promulgated in these columns of licensing bookmakers, like brokers or hawkers, has borne fruit in the further suggestion that well-known and approved good men should adopt, some carmark in the shape of a distinctive badge to be issued at the discretion of a licensing committee of the club. Anyone with the least experience of the ring at the various meetings of the season will bear us out in our asertion that "Tattersall's inclosure" is, in too many cases, a sad delusion, owing mainly to enterprising lessees and spirited proprietors entertaining a not unnatural objection to "turn away" the extra fee demanded for entrance into the sacred precincts. While welshers continue to flourish objection this must clearly be a paying game; but most of the evils at present complained of might be mitigated if not abated by some such system as we have alluded to above. In these days, when the army of bookmakers are almost numerically equal to the ranks of backers—when "good" names are pirated, and an excellent trade is driven upon the reputations of others, a Jockey Club diploma would inspire contions of others, a Jockey Citto diploma would inspire confidence among those helpless brethren always rushing about in search of a "safe man," and generally finding too late that their ready money had been posted in the hands of one of the "long division" which searches for prey in the troubled waters of the turf. The entrée into Tattersall's inclosure should be limited to members, and such arrangements made as to enable its occupants to communicate freely with outside speculators. But we must revert to the subject touched upon at the commencement of this article, which was the desirability of betting being brought under Jockey Club control, having special reference to cases in which alleged conspiracies to defraud the public demand special investigation. For the credit of the turf this point should be readily conceded by its ruling body; and we should soon find a most desirable abatement in certain practices which are the very bane of racing, and which bring discredit on the sport itself, instead of upon the method of its pursuit. A well-known owner of horses dispatches his representative to the scene of action long before the day fixed for the race to come off, permits the public to be shamelessly robbed by their support of the animal, more freely accorded on account of its studiously announced arrival, and then on the very eve of starting withdraws from the race. There is nothing in the rules of racing which prohibits a man from this contemptible and mean course of action; neither have the committee of Tattersall's any power to act in the matter, as no dispute can arise to affect the question of bets. But supposing such a transaction to be brought to the notice of the Jockey Club, invested with full powers to control both racing and betting, does anybody suppose that the scandal would have been allowed to die out without an inquiry being held as to the collusion supposed to exist between owner and bookmaker in order to enable the latter to "fill his brimming pail"? Instead of this, after the evasion of a promised inquiry by the stewards of the meeting, the matter is allowed to drop, and the suspected parties get off scot-free, entering and running horses as before, or shouting odds with all the impudence in the We do not know what may be comprehended under the term "nefarious practices on the turf," if this "scratching and milking" business be not of them; and conspirators who perpetrate such robberies are as deserving of a warning off Newmarket-heath as the owner who enlists the services of Johnny Armstrong to pull his horse. The existence of a licensed and certified "band of brothers" would prevent much of this unseemly privateering; and, for his credit's sake, no one would care to encounter the reproach of being "put in to lay" on behalf of an unscrupulous owner or trainer.

Nor would the benefits to be derived from a ring

properly regulated and controlled end here. Outside and ready-money bettors, on whom the large body of the public at present rely for making their investments, must reform their ways before presuming to compete with a licensed opposition. The ways of some of these small fry are rapacious beyond conception, and the odds they offer their unhappy clients are so infinitesimal that "even money" might be inscribed on the broad phylacteries of their garments. To talk of "odds," indeed, in connection with them is simply farcical, and the probability of obtaining "outside prices" at more than 5 to 1, except in cases of a real "dead un," is extremely remote. These gentry must enlarge their prices or be content to retire when the ground has been cut from under their feet by a system such as we have ventured to suggest. Even should the Jockey Club not care to go so deeply into a matter affecting the public, it will be no small benefit if they consent to extend their empire in the direction of the turf money market. It will, especially at first, involve more trouble and consideration; but we have sufficient faith in the good sense of its members as a body to believe that they will not shrink from a duty which devolves in the natural course of events upon the heads of all in high

Dog-Fighting in Glasgow.—For amusing themselves on the recent Glasgow fast day by fighting their dogs, John M'Callum, labourer, and James M'Cafferty, shoemaker, have been fined each 40s., or thirty days' imprisonment.

The tendency of modern journalism appears to be in the direction of illustration. Already several projects are on foot for supplying accurate pictures of the murder, or the fire, or other interesting event of the night before, to the breakfast-table by means of illustrated daily papers. But while we are waiting for these novelties we can easily be content with the artistic food supplied to us by the weekly illustrated journals, among the best of which is the Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News. The spirited manner in which this journal was launched and has since been conducted places it deservedly at the top of the tree of dramatic and sporting literature—an impartial recorder and illustrator of the former, an elevator of the latter. There is also a smack of humour about it; the engraving in last week's number, entitled "A vision of the future on the Solent," and its column headed "Our Captious Caption". Critic," to wit.—Magpie.

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ANCIENT AND MODERN COACHING, WITH ANECDOTES OF THE ROAD. By LORD WILLIAM LENNOX.

In April, 1826, the Dorking coach left the Elephant and Castle at nine o'clock, full inside and out, and arrived safe at Ewell, when the driver and proprietor, Joseph Walker, alighted for the purpose of delivering a parcel from the back part of the coach, and gave the reins to a boy who sat on the box. While he was delivering the parcel to a person who box. While he was delivering the parcel to a person who stood near the after wheel of the coach the boy cracked the whip, and the horses set off at full speed. Several attempts were made to stop them, but in vain; they passed Ewell church, and tore away about twelve yards of strong paling, when, the wheels mounting a small eminence, the coach was overturned, and the whole of the passengers were thrown from the roof. Some of them were in a state of insensibility, showing no symptoms of life. One female, who was thrown upon some spikes, which entered her breast and neck, was dreadfully mutilated, none of her features being distinguishable; she lingered until the following day, when she expired in the lingered until the following day, when she expired in the

while the "True Blue" coach which ran daily between Leeds and Wakefield was descending Belle-hill (the precaution of locking the wheel not having been observed) the horses got into a gallop, and at the bottom, the coach being on the wrong indeed the production of side of the road, came in contact with a coal-cart with such violence as to break the shaft of the cart and to tear away the wheel of the coach with a part of the axletree. The coachman was thrown from the box and pitched with his head upon the ground, by which his skull was dreadfully fractured, and he died instantly. The coach went forward on three wheels for ten yards and then fell over. One of the outside passengers received a severe internal injury, and very faint hopes were entertained of his recovery. Another of the outside passengers was thrown under the coach and had his thigh broken in two places. He was conveyed to the Leeds General Infirmary and suffered the amputation of his limb, but died in the course of the night.

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In August, 1828, as the Devonport mail was leaving London, the horses, which were thoroughbred, took fright and ran off with great speed. The coachman was unable to stop them, and, in passing Market-street, the near wheels of the coach coming in contact with the lamp-post at the corner, the pole and splinter-bar were broken, the horses broke loose from the carriage, and galloped off, dragging the pole and broken bar after them, till the near leader rushed against the lamp-post at the corner, of Bury-street. The next street to Market-street. the corner of Bury-street, the next street to Market-street, with such force that she broke the spine of her back. Another accident occurred on the 20th. The turnpike gate at Matterby, between Winchester and Alresford, is placed at the foot of a hill. The horses of the London and Poole mail, having become unmanageable at the top of the hill, descended it at a furious gallop, and came so violently in contact with the gate-post that the post itself was broken off and carried to a considerable distance, one of the wheel-horses had his brains knocked out by the concussion, and the passengers were thrown nearly twenty yards from the coach. One of them was severely in-jured, but none were killed. The coachman had three ribs and his right arm broken, his eye knocked out, and his head otherwise so bruised and cut that blood flowed copiously from his mouth, nose, and ears. The guard saved himself by lying down on the footboard. The coach, notwithstanding the

shock, was not overturned.

Again, on the 23rd, as the mail from Barnstaple to Bristol had changed horses at Wiveliscombe, and the coachman was about to mount the box, some noise in the street caused the horses to move down the hill. The coachman used every effort to stop them, till he was knocked down. They proceeded to the bottom of the hill, and in turning a corner the coach upset. Of three outside passengers two were thrown with great violence over a wall, one of them receiving a severe contusion in the head and the latter having an arm broken. The third was killed. An inside passenger had an arm fractured.

In March, 1830, as the Manchester and Huddersfield mail was returning from the former to the latter place, the horses broke out in a gallop in coming down the hill near Thornton Lodge and became unmanageable. On arriving at Longroyd

Lodge and became unmanageable. On arriving at Longroyd Bridge the mail came violently in contact with the curbstone and the parapet, and the coachman and three outside passengers were precipitated over the parapet on the rocks and gravel below, a fall of eight or nine yards. The horses then broke the pole and proceeded with it at a furious rate to Huddersfield, in the streets of which two of them fell from exhaustion, and, being entangled in the harness, a stop was put to the career of the other two. Of the three passengers, one was found senseless, and died immediately; another had a leg broken; the coachman was much injured; the third passenger, though his fall was four feet lower than that of his companions in misfortune, sustained scarcely any injury. Two other passengers and the guard were providentially thrown on

the road, and were but slightly hurt.

In the month of September, 1836, three fatal coach accidents occurred. On the 10th, as the Peveril, Manchester, and London night coach was on its way to London, and about five miles beyond Bedford, the pole-chain got loose, and one of the wheel horses began kicking and plunging, and almost immediately the end of the pole attached to the coach became unfastened. The weight of the coach pressed upon the horses (the coach being then at the brow of a hill), and they had no power of resistance. The coachman kept the horses in the road till they reached the bottom of the hill, when the near wheels ran on the grass, which was not more than four or five inches higher than the road, and caused the coach to overturn on the off-side into the road. One gentleman attempted to jump off; he fell on his face, and the coach fell upon him, and on the coachman. They remained nearly a quarter of an hour in that position, and when extricated the passenger was quite dead, and the coachman severely injured, one shoulder

being dislocated and his head and body much cut and injured. Of the male passengers four had their shoulders dislocated. On the 13th an accident happened to the Red Rover, Manchester and London coach. When it arrived at Stone, about twelve o'clock at night, it had ten outside passengers and one as usual at the Falcon Inn to change horses. When the fresh horses were put to, eight of the outside passengers had resumed their seats, the gentleman inside retaining his place. The coachman and guard were one of them in the yard, and the other in the kitchen of the inn. The horses started off, turned the sharp corner of the road leading to Stafford and proceeded at a rederest page. ing to Stafford, and proceeded at a moderate pace. The outside passengers, on perceiving their situation, began to jump off the coach, and by the time the coach had proceeded a quarter of a mile on the road every outside passenger had quitted it. In their falls they all received injuries more or less severe. After the outside passengers had left the Red Rover the horses still pursued their course, and when the Birmingham and Liverpool mail met them near Aston they were going at a

comparatively steady pace. The Bechive afterwards met them

comparatively steady pace. The Bechive afterwards met them near the turnpike-gate, at which they were on the full gallop. They avoided, however, any collision with the Beehive, as they had previously done with the mail. On arriving at Tillington, about a mile from Stafford, the coach was upset. The gentleman inside, having early learned the situation in which he was placed, took his seat on the floor of the coach, and did not stir during the whole time; the consequence was that he escaped without the slightest injury.

In August, 1839, on the arrival of the Falmouth mail at Bodmin, many persons, as is usual at the assizes, were waiting to proceed by it to Exeter, and four inside and three outside passengers were taken up there. The coach was driven by a man who was not the regular coachman, but was considered to be an experienced and sober man. The guard was a young man who had been but recently placed upon that station, and was not very well accustomed to the road. After proceeding a short distance the passengers perceived that the proceeding a short distance the passengers perceived that the driver was very much intoxicated, and they insisted that he should not drive the coach further, and accordingly the guard took the reins and the coachman took his seat behind. Shortly before reaching the Jamaica Inn, situate on Bodmin Moors, and ten miles from that town, there is a very steep descent, with a sharp turn at the bottom of the hill, and then a steep ascent up to the inn, where the coach changes horses, and its proper time of arrival was about twelve o'clock. The people at the public-house were alarmed by several horses galloping at the public-house were alarmed by several horses galloping up to the door and then stopping, and upon going out they discovered they were the mail horses, but with scarcely any harness upon them. It appeared that the guard intended to drag the wheel down the hill, but, the night being very dark and wet and not well knowing the road, he had got beyond the brow of the hill before he was aware of it; he endeavoured to pull up, and it was believed the coachman got down to tie the wheel, but that he was too tipsy and fell down. The coach then proceeded down the hill at a most frightful pace. Being heavily laden, it rocked from side to side, and on getting to the turn over it went with the most dreadful crash. The horses fortunately at once broke away. All the passengers were fortunately at once broke away. All the passengers were more or less stunned, and many of those outside were seriously injured with fractured ribs and bones.

In the year 1829, about nine o'clock in the morning, the Albion coach took up as passengers twelve convicts from Chester, who had been sentenced to transportation for life for various offences, and who were to be forwarded to Portsmouth, for which purpose a Portsmouth coach was to meet them at the Bull and Mouth, London. The coach had no other passengers except the two keepers who had charge of the convicts. About nine in the evening the coach reached Birmingham, where a new coachman and guard relieved the former ones, and the coach proceeded to Elmedon, where the convicts partock of some refreshment. After having cope on four miles took of some refreshment. After having gone on four miles to Meriden, the guard's attention was arrested by hearing one of the convicts filing the chain attached to his handcuffs. Without the convicts filing the chain attached to his handcuffs. Without apparently noticing the noise, he contrived to apprise the keeper of the circumstance, who took the guard's situation behind, the guard placing himself by the side of the coachman on the box. After this alteration everything became quiet, and there were no appearances of an attempt at escape. The coach now approached Coventry, through which it passed; and after it had proceeded nine miles, in a sequestered part of the road, where trees extend on each side upwards of six miles, and not a house is pear in an instant four of the convicts seized. and not a house is near, in an instant four of the convicts seized hold of the coachman and guard, stopped the horses, and succeeded in fastening both coachman and guard with cords and straps. While this was going on they stated that they did not intend to injure them or rob the coach, but were determined at every hazard to regain their liberty. While this scene was going on in front of the coach five other convicts seized the keeper behind, and rifling his pockets obtained the keys of the handcuffs. The confusion outside was the signal to the remaining convicts within; instantly the keeper was laid hold of and confined, and, having got possession of his handcuffs-keys also, they lost no time in manacling him. The convicts then descended, and began endeavouring to extricate themselves from their fetters, a work which occupied them some time, and in which, notwithstanding their violence and ingenuity, they made very little progress. While thus engaged, they were suddenly alarmed by the noise of a coach approaching; they immediately rushed to the fields, and, as the night was exceedingly dark, they succeeded in making their escape before the Alliance, Liverpool coach, came up, by which time the guard and coachman had extricated themselves, and were assisting the becomes. Before the convicts were alarmed in unbinding the keepers. Before the convicts were alarmed by the Liverpool coach, they had detached the horses from the Albion, probably, if necessary, to make use of them in their flight. Most of them were soon retaken.

Mail robberies, though not so prevalent as in former years, existed as late as the year 1839; for in the month of June, at the Worship-street office, information was given of a daring attempt to rob the mail between Enfield and Edmonton. In October of the same year a box containing £5000 in notes and gold was stolen from the Manchester and Staffordshire coach. An extraordinary accident occurred in the same month, when An extraordinary accident occurred in the same month, when a coach was burnt on the railway. As the Regulator coach, from Bristol to London, was proceeding on one of the uptrains to London, having a quantity of luggage on the top, owing to the large quantity of sparks which issued from the chimney, the luggage took fire, a fact which was only discovered by the coachman (who happened, fortunately, to have remained inside) seeing sparks of fire falling from the top of covered by the coachman (who happened, fortunately, to have remained inside) seeing sparks of fire falling from the top of the coach by the window. The coachman, at the hazard of his life (the train going at the rate of forty miles an hour at the time), got out and clambered on the roof, and by great exertions removed the luggage from the roof, and thereby saved the greater part; but the brisk current of air created by the rapid speed at which the coach was progressing rendered all attempts to extinguish the flame unavailable until the roof was destroyed, when, the embers falling inside, the guard, who had come to the coachman's assistance, succeeded in putting had come to the coachman's assistance, succeeded in putting

In 1832 Mr. Babbage, in his work on the "Economy of Manufactures," suggested a new plan of conveying the mail. The immense revenue of the Post Office would afford means of speedier conveyance. The letter-bags do not ordinarily weigh a hundred pounds, and were then conveyed in bulky machines of many thousand times the weight, drawn by four horses, and delayed by passengers. Mr. Babbage proposed the erection of pillars along each line of road, these pillars to be connected by inclined wires or iron rods, along which the letters inclosed in cylinders attached to the rods by rings are to slide; persons stationed on these columns were to forward the cylinders from each point, after having extracted the contents belonging to their own station. In this manner it was calculated that a letter might be sent (from pillar to post) to the furthest limits letter might be sent (from pillar to post) to the furthest limits of the land in the course of a very small portion of time; from London to York, probably, in an hour or two. In the absence of pillars, and in the interior districts, it was suggested that church-steeples, properly selected, might answer the purpose, and in London the churches might be used for the circulation of the twopenny post. The introduction of the rail and the telegraph has completely remedied the evil Mr.

Babbage complained of.
In May, 1830, much attention was excited in the neighbourhood of Portland-place by the appearance of a steam-carriage, which made its way through a crowded passage, without any perceptible impulse. There was neither smoke nor noise perceptible impulse. There was neither smoke nor noise; there was no external force nor apparent directing agent; the carriage seemed to move by its own volition, passing by horses without giving them the least alarm. Five gentlemen and a lady formed the passengers. One gentleman directed the moving principle, and another appeared to sit unconcerned behind, but his object was ascertained to be the care of the fuel and water. The carriage was lightly and conveniently built, not larger nor heavier than a phaeton. It went without the least vibration, and preserved a balance in the most complicated movements. The pace was varied from five to twelve miles an hour, according to pleasure. miles an hour, according to pleasure.

#### MR. ANDREW O'ROURKE'S RAMBLINGS. AT THE ZOO.

FETTER-LAND, LONDON, Oct. 16, 1875.

ME DEAR MIKE,—Long ago I readin a book that there is ony wan thing worse than bein in love, an that's bein out of it. I'm not goin to tell you what I think of that sayin; but, annyway, I will say that, if I was in throuble before, I'm in twice worse at present. You'd fancy that now, when 'tis all settled between me and the widdy, I'd have a spell of pace. Nothin of the soort. In the ould days she used to be always tellin me how she hadn't a grain of jealousy in her whole body. She how she hadn't a grain of jealousy in her whole body. She may have spoke thruth, and no doubt she did; but, Mike, half a grain of jealousy in a woman who knows how to make use of it would be enough to kill the joy of a guardsman, let alone a man of my highth, which isn't above five foot seven in me vamps. If I look at wan of the servant-girls now, I'm gettin tired of herself and sick of me bargain, and then she begins roarin and bawlin out, an sayin how it's a young girl's heart I ought to have broken an not a lone woman like her who has I ought to have broken an not a lone woman like her who has no wan to purtect her, an ony the sperrit of her dead man to weep salt tears fur her sorrow. Of course afther raisonable consolation she gives in, an lanes her head on my showldher, an cries to herself fur aise of mind; but, Mike, it's very hard to be helf your day of the interval. to be half your day sthrivin to console a woman, an the other half wud most of her weight on your right showldher, where I have a patch the size of the crown of your hat and just the colour of an ould oilcloth in a chape lodgin-house hall.

But I bothered you enough of late wud this matther, an I'd betther thry if I can't find somethin more enthertainin to

write to you about.

Yestherday was a lovely fine day fur the saison of the year, wud the sun shinin an the widdy goin to market. She axed me to go too, but I tould her I had buisness to do. Wud that she lets a screech, an cries out that she knows what it is, an it's some girl I'm afther. Upon me conshins, I was near losin me temper; but as that wouldn't be manners, I gev her me word I wouldn't open me mouth to anny female while I was out of her sighth that day. I had a little business to do, but to tell you the thruth, Mike, an shame Who you know I wanted to get a while to meself.

As soon as I had done me business I went to Farringdon-

street Station an tuck a ticket fur Portland-road. Then I walked across the Park to the Zoo: The Park looked lovely, an a good dale of the laves is still on the threes, an a good dale of the nurses an children is still undher them. Mike, I was sthrongly tempted to bring my thravels to an end undher them threes, fur there was at laist wan purty face to aich three; but me conshins wouldn't let me, in regard of the promise I med the widdy. The most unpleasant companions anny man can have is a promise he'd like to break an a conshins. conshins.

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The Zoo is very purty wud flowers, an glass-houses, an wather-tanks, an wild fowl walking about in fields wud openwork fences, an all kinds of people frum all parts of the world lookin at all kinds of bastes from all the other parts. It's larger than the Zoo in the Phenix Park, but not so unnatural large as you'd expect fur a place like London, in comparison wud Dublin. There's a great dale more craychures in it, but you could imagine a greather crowd wuddout bustin your fancy. Of course I can't tell you about a quarther of what I seen; it would take more ink an Latin names than I could manage to spare—leastways, I couldn't spend the time to write down all the Latin words I don't know, and most of them must down all the Latin words I don't know, and most of them must be the names of craychures in the Zoo, fur I didn't see wan name I had ever set eyes on before.

The vultures is very disagreeable lookin, an don't seem to be enjoyin their lives. I suppose the poor sowls is puttin in a bad time for all the dead men they ate. They looked for all bad time for all the dead men they are. They looked for all the world like bad likenesses of themsels cast in slack-coal an gas-tar; ony there was no goold sthreaks in the gas-tar, an the slack coal didn't shine. The Pondicherry vultures are very quare-lookin, furthey have a way of keepin their red heads stuck into the middle of their chests, as if they were examinin their conshins wud a microscope. They look like black targets wud red bull's eyes. In the aist they have a rediculous belief about the sowls of men goin into the bodies of baists, an some sez the sowls of lawyers goes into the bodies of vultures. If about the sowls of men goin into the bodies of baists, an some sez the sowls of lawyers goes into the bodies of vultures. If that's so it accounts fur the melancholy expression in the vultures' feathers and stand. (You know there isn't much room fur expression in a vulture's face, as its med of bone. Birds have the most unnatural way in the world of wearing the skeleton of their faces outside.) For my part, of course I don't believe this rediculous nonsence about the sowls of men, an as to the sowls of lawyers goin into the bodies of vultures that's out of raison; because it lawyers an vultures are craychures of prey the vultures is, annyway, honest enough to look what they are, an wouldn't let the sowls of lawyers into their bodies to taich them desait.

I saw the glutton. He's low sized and of unaisy manners, walkin up an down, and not takin the slightest notice of soft-sawdner or a whistle. I had no mains of judging what he could do on his davers best at feedin; but I think it hard on him to call him such a disrespectful name. I'm sure he's on that as big round the middle as anny aldherman of Glenary, to say nothin at all of London, where councilmen bates our aldermen to fits in the way of stoutness.

On the Wather Fowls' Lawn there is the most outlandish lookin getherin of birds you ever seen. They're all wabblin or standin, or sleepin about, an seem to be quite at pace wud wan another; but takin little good out of their lives, like a houseful of maiden sisthers over forty years of age. Wan of the fowls sthruck me fancy most of all. His body was white, and about the size of the big end of a caulcannon powndher. His neck was a yard long, an he always kept it between his legs, as if he was thrying to see the sky over his back. His legs was nearly three feet long, an no thicker than the pen writin wud. How he conthrived to walk I'm sure I don't know. He never stirred hand or fut while I was lookin at him. When I came near him fust his two legs was in the wan line, an I could see only the nearest, so that fur a while I thought a bonnet stand, wud a woman's white bonnet on it, had sthrayed here out of a millener's shop. There's not an over supply of bears or lions or tigers, but there's more than at the Phenix; they haven't here, however, as fine a baste as the big lion there; but they have an enormous brute of a tiger. Although I was not present at the regular feedin time, I saw a keeper give some of the craychures bits of mate. If you could only hear that big tiger growlin over a bone he got you'd never say a word against the wetness of the weather in Ireland, since the rain keeps such animals frum frequentin us. In aich of the cages there is a kind of thruckle bed fur the bastes, an although they don't seem to be well disposed to them outside the bars, they live very happily together. In wan cage there is four young lions all together. They look very solemn an severe, an when I saw them fust wud only their four cross, wise heads stickin over the sides of the thruckle bed, I couldn't help thinking of the Four Courts in Dublin, an the Court of Queen's Bench, an the heads of the four Judges stuck over the bench an looking detarmined not to be overpersuaded be the councillor sthrivin detarmined not to be overpersuaded be the councillor sthrivin to make them grant a writ of error in a political case where the boy had been found guilty be the mistake of a Judge in chargin the jury. All round the cages there is railing to pervent people going too close, an at the Bears' Pit there is a notice talling all to be proved the people going to be considered. tellin all to keep outside the bars. You see, Mike, if you got inside the bars you might get inside the bears too, an that wouldn't be plazin to you, unless you were afther finding out on your marriage that you had a mother-in-law who was kept dark until the noose was tightened.

The Monkey-house is different from the one in Dublin. It's bigger an airier, which latther is a great comfort. You can walk all round the cages, an there's plants an flowers about to keep the place bright and sweet. As to the monkeys themselves, there isn't much more of them than in the Phœnix, an none of them sthruck me as more out of the ordinary than you could look at wuddout a smoked glass. In wan large cage is a whole lot of them, all screechin an fightin and cursin in their own langwidge, an robbin wan another of nuts, just like Christians, ony the monkeys, not havin sowls, an being wuddout the benefits of ejucation, act openly.

I saw the rhinoceros, an, wud the exception of the hippopotamus, I think he's the ugliest craychure in the gardens. He's like a immensity of a dog in a badly-med shoot of dirty dark-green corduroy. The camel, as you know, has two humps on his back, fur the convaynience of layin hould of in mountin him; but the rhinoceros has two humps on his snout. If the baist was a Christian I could make some sense of them humps, fur they'd do grand to keep the specks frum slippin off his nose; but he bein what he is I don't know what use he can make of them, unless it's to play at balancin things on them

wan here would make six of him. He's the most wondherful thing in the whole gardens. A middle-sized man could walk between his legs wuddout bendin. Owin to the forelegs of them elephants bein so much longer than the hind wans they always than the held sitting days of them the most wondherful thing in the whole gardens. A middle-sized man could walk between his legs wuddout bendin. Owin to the forelegs of them elephants bein so much longer than the hind wans they always the most bending the ways are the most legent was the most legent and the state of the sta seem to be half sittin down, an the great looseness of their skins makes them look as ould as if they were the original wans Noah had in the Ark. I can give you no iday of the size of this big baist, except by saying that when he put up his thrunk straight into the air he looked fur all the world like

Glanmire chapel takin a walk wuddout its sides.

The hippopotamus lives in ayther land or wather, according the hippopotamus lives in ayaner tand of wanter, according to his fancy. That 's a very convayment arrangement fur him. I dar say the raison why man isn't so provided is because he'd conthract two sets of debts, wan be land and wan be wather, an never be able to pay both. As I said, there's nothin uglier in life than the hippopotamus, an I don't know of anything uglier in death. I can give you no notion of his appearance, except you fancy a stout-legged pig wud two vegetable-marrows-sized gumboils on his lower jaw, an multiply what you get be fifty.

you get be fifty.

Good-bye for the present.

Your lovin cousin, ANDY O'ROURKE. To Michael Crotty, Esq., South King-sthreet, Dublin.

## GREEN ON BROWN.

A RETORT DISCOURTEOUS.°

My opposite neighbour—as opposite quite
To me, pray observe, as black's opposite white—
All pleasure regards with a frown. He growls when the dear little children, in play, Ring his visitors' bell and then scamper away; He wants to be quiet the whole of the day, Does Brown.

He's an out-and-out foe to all innocent joys—Slings, catapults, pistols—delightful to boys In populous parts of the town. When lads play at tip-cat, and he passes by, He takes it amiss if he's hit in the eye; And "Where's the police?" is the petulant cry Of Brown.

I've a dog. Well, I own he is noisy at night;
But his bark is not nearly so bad as his bite,
And for me he will sometimes "lie down."
Well, would you believe it? This neighbour complains
If the animal howls (as he will when it rains)— As if the sole person no sleep who obtains Were Brown!

He does not like music that's played in the street; While organs to me are a positive treat, And cost me each week half a crown. He does not like what I call national sport; He does not like anything I like; in short, He does not like me, so I pen this retort On Brown. GREEN.

\* See verses, "Our Musical Neighbours, the Greens," in last week's Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News.

THE RAID ON BETTING-MEN AT BOLTON.—Seventeen men were charged, on remand, at Bolton, last Saturday, with being in the Angel Hotel, Churchgate, on Sunday evening, the 17th inst., for the purpose of betting upon horse-racing. Orders were given for the house and the whole of the persons present to be searched, and betting books and lists were found on several of the men and on the premises. Cullen, one of the discharged defendants, deposed to having paid Blake £3 in respect of the Cesarewitch race. Simpson, the other discharged defendant, said that on the evening in question Blake betted him £16 to £2 against Sutton for the Cambridgeshire. The Bench fined Blake £100 and costs; in default, three months' hard labour. The rest of the defendants were discharged.

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## THE HISTRION'S HORNBOOK.

VI.-THE SUPER.

One star differeth from another star in glory. And the same law which governs the celestial economy prevails also in the institutions of earth. So in the universe of the drama there are stars shining with less brilliancy than others; bodies whose orbits are circumscribed, and who move, as it were, but in an epicycle. But it does not follow that, because of a decreased brilliancy or a smaller orbit, these members of the theatrical constellations are any whit less entitled to the descriptive epithet by which are denoted those great and majestic planets that sweep through the heavens in orbits the circuits of which are wellnigh incalculable.

Wherefore I think that there has been done to you a cruel injustice in describing you by a title which would seem to imply that you belong not to the tribe of histions proper. That name of Super has in it a suggestion of something less than contempt, as though to imply that you were an unavoidable and unnecessary appendage—a hanger-on of the profession, and less essential to the dramatic art than the very footlights or properties.

I think I do not overstate the nature of the slur conveyed in the word; for when I refer to the Dictionary of Samuel Johnson, who was himself a friend of actors and with whose writings you are doubtless conversant, I find it thus defined:—

"Supernumerary. Being above a stated, a necessary, an usual, or a round number."

In proof of the completeness of this definition he quotes from many celebrated authors who use it with reference to vessels at a feast, hours devoted to a service, addresses delivered to a potentate, and the slaves attached to a household. He mentions, lastly, Ayliffe, who speaks of a supernumerary Canon as one who does not receive any of the profits or emoluments of the Church, but only lives or serves there on a future expectation of some prebend. It is true that the Dictionary of Johnson is a trifling work, thrown off in the Doctor's playful moments; but, as this book of the lexicographer has been more popular than any other effort of his, and as the majority of makers of definitions do in this matter agree with him, we must needs accept his dictum.

Now, you are part and parcel with the profession. Without you the greatest works of the most sublime poets could not be produced; you are of the essence of the stage, and have oftentimes proved to the satisfaction of all that you are an artist, and of no mean calibre. Therefore, when you are called a "super" to your face, resent the impertinence promptly, and, if neces-

sary, emphasise your resentment with oaths.

I would recommend you, in dressing, to take no heed of how you put your things on, but appear robed as though your habiliments had been thrown upon you with a pitchfork; and for these two reasons:—1, because your clothes are carelessly made by the costumier, who contracts for them and does not make them to measure; and, 2, because you are required to robe yourself in a room with several others, which, to a man of refined feeling, must be most repugnant. It should therefore be your practice to let the public see as much as possible of the sins of the managers and costumiers.

In making up your face you may now and then add much to your natural ferocity by painting one side of the face only. And when you have to wear a beard and are permitted to choose it from a number, take care and procure one which is as different as possible from the colour of your hair.

As you come not upon the stage alone, but with a crowd of brother artists, my directions as to your conduct thereon will apply rather to your action as one of a body than to your conduct as a responsible and independent histrion.

When you march before the audience at the head of an army, or with an insurrectionary mob, or with a jubilant crowd of country merrymakers, hesitate, stare blankly, and look as though you knew not what to do and, for the life of you, could not tell for what purpose you are there and then present. Thus the expectation of the audience in you will not be unduly great, and their surprise at your subsequent easy deportment will be in proportion to the want of confidence inspired by

Leave not the stage in the same regular order observed by you when you came in; but crowd upon the heels of your brethren in front, so that the whole band (whether victorious or merely illustrating certain military ceremonials) may go out in a confused and hasty manner. Because you will remember that the leading actors have already left the stage; and it is but professional etiquette in you to follow them with all haste. Besides, the carpenters may be waiting to change the scene; and, chief reason of all, the audience, whose good will you should ever aim to cultivate, will judge from this sudden celerity on your part that you are impatient, for the sake of the spectators, that the action of the piece should proceed. After all, you know—

The play's the thing.

When a General makes a speech to you, or when a King harangues you, as is frequently the case in historical plays, assume a puzzled expression. If you know what his Highness or his Majesty is about to say, what earthly object can he have in saying it? Gaze as vacantly, therefore, as though you understood nothing of the matter, and had no particular care whether or not it should be divulged to you. Indeed, when the orator is a monarch your better plan is to gaze calmly at the audience in front of you-particularly towards the gallery where some of your friends are; or to appear lost in an investigation of your feet, or of the trappings of your next neighbour. For I hate this familiar gazing upon kings. And I would have you evince by your timidity and inattention in how great respect you hold your Sovereign, and how supreme is your contempt for that Democratic rabble who insist upon the impious doctrine that he also is a partaker of our common humanity.

As a courtier you will often be required to drink the health of your King; or, as a soldier, to pledge your General; or, as a happy villager, to quaff a bumper in honour of a newly-married

pair of bumpkins. In the former cases you will be provided with a goblet richly gilt, and in the latter case with meaner utensils of tin or horn. But let not the difference of the drinking-cups make any difference in your method of using them. In both cases you will hold the goblet high and wave it in the air. And before you place it to your mouth omit not to turn it upside down to show that there is no liquor in it. For if an audience were to see a whole crowd really drinking at one time, the members of it might wrongly attribute certain of your eccentricities to your having partaken too freely of the rosy wine. See to it, therefore, that your drinking-vessel, whether it be cannikin or goblet, be duly inverted, and evidence given of the absence of contents.

Always carry a gun carefully. You cannot be too circumspect with it, for by some chance it might go off. Step gingerly while it remains in your possession and keep your eye well upon the lock. Your people in front are, in the majority of cases, neither sportsmen nor soldiers. Let them see, from your manner, that you are solicitous about their safety. But when you are set in the more ancient and safer times before that horrible invention of gunpowder was made you may be more familiar in the handling of deadly weapons, which will then be spears and the like. These you may treat so easily that no one shall imagine the execution which the poet intended to suggest by their introduction.

When you cheer, commence at precisely the same moment as the others, and stop as suddenly at a given signal. Thus your enthusiasm will differ from that of a common human crowd. But will be of a cold and classical sort to harmonise with the work of the author. Bear in mind that you have been carefully drilled, and that it is only fair of you to exhibit the results of your training.

You have but a slender chance of ever appearing upon the boards in a capacity other than that which you now fill. Therefore I would have you, in the words of Sir Thomas Browne, "Hang early plummets upon the heels of ambition."

Seek not to change that epicycle whereof I spoke for an orbit farther reaching. By hurrying to change you may hasten to destruction. And in attempting to better your condition run a-muck of other planets. Let it be your highest aim so solemnly and impressively to carry a banner that those who see you will never forget you. Cæsar is reported to have said that he would rather be chief of a small village than second at Rome. And I protest that I would sooner carry a banner well than act a leading part tamely.

But though I would have you express the by no means contemptible spirit of ambition that is surging in you, I would have you avail yourself of such chances of extra show which shall fall directly and legitimately within your circle. Thus, when he is absent whose privilege it is to tell my Lord that the carriage waits, you may be intrusted with that delicate mission. Then, indeed, there arises an opportunity for distinguishing yourself. And I have heard certain gentlemen in your line of business so deliver this simple announcement of the arrival of his Lordship's vehicle that the whole theatre fell alaughing. And surely he who can with so trivial a material excite the merriment of an audience should no more be termed supernumerary than the comedian who, with all his gags, can hardly do as much. Should your sentence about the carriage (which I mention only on account of its frequency in romantic drama) be changed to another-such, for instance, as

My liege the Earl is at the gate,

endeavour to give a new reading by altering the pronunciation and blurting out the whole sentence as though 'twere a mouthful, and a distasteful one too. I mean thus:—

M'leigeth'url'satthegyate.

Then blush perceptibly and leave the stage awkwardly and, as it were, covered with confusion, for you will thus show how deeply you are impressed by the Royal or noble presence from which you are departing.

An entire band of supernumeraries hath before now greatly distinguished itself by accident. And, were I of your company, I would—to use a Hibernicism—have these accidents occur on purpose, and with considerable frequency. You have heard of those worthy fellows who, following a gallant General in armour borrowed from another theatre, found, when they lifted their arms to salute, the hinges of their tin envelopments were so rusty with lying unused that they could by no means get them down again, and had to be taken off the stage with their right arms rigidly erect—an incident which created the utmost hilarity. It is clear that had they been so foolish as to test this armour before going upon the stage this amusement would not have been occasioned, nor the story have found a place in collections of theatrical anecdotes. I do not suppose that so great a chance will fall every day in your way. But you may do much in the way of dropping your shield or letting your helmet fall, or coming on suddenly at the wrong moment, or refusing to go off at the right moment, which will prove greatly diverting.

One day thou mayest be selected to ride in the Lord Mayor's Show; and, though the "shewes or pageants" formerly arranged to celebrate the solemnity of the worthy citizen at his inauguration into the mayoralty were not so meagre as those now held, you may still have an opportunity in these diminished displays of exhibiting to some advantage your manly person and impressive demeanour.

And now I have done with you. Bless you! Stand not upon the order of your going, but go at once.

Mr. Verrall's Additional Fixtures for 1876.—Bromley Spring, Feb. 15, 16; Enfield, April 17, 18; Eastbourne, May 1; Maidstone, June 5; Bromley Autumn, Oct. 19, 20.

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#### NOTES ON NORWAY.

BY STRAXT.

EVERY one travelling abroad must naturally find that certain things are hardly managed out of England quite so well as they are at home. Very few Britons would indorse the sentiment that they arrange things better in France than they do here. But of all the aggravating institutions that I have had to deal with abroad commend me for a trial of patience to the Post Office in Norway and the Custom House in Sweden, have had many troubles with those in office in my time. have more than once nearly convinced a clerk in Somerset House that he wasn't a lawyer, and have on one occasion been so successful as to get a point of law that I raised referred to the consideration of a superior official who was fully qualified to decide the question. I have been the victim of official to decide the question. I have been the victim of official routine in Paris, where I have been obliged to take a receipt for the account at my hotel in order that the receipt stamp required by law, and which was to be paid for by me, should be duly affixed and defaced. I have been required to sign my name in a book when I asked for a railway ticket and have been called upon to produce my passport in a country that has agreed with our own that the declaration of my nationality as an Englishman shall be a sufficient recommendation "for an Englishman shall be a sufficient recommendation "for those whom it may concern to allow me to pass freely without let or hindrance, and to afford me every protection and assistance of which I may stand in need." I have travelled from Vienna to Paris, and have registered my heavy luggage all through, fondly thinking I should have no bother with it en route, and have been ordered to display the contents, which were neither combustible nor contraband, at more than one intermediate station. I have put up with all this unnecessary worry with the best grace I could, and, however much I may grumble, I generally contrive to get on without the use of too much of what is called "language." But all these annoyances are mere trifles when compared with the bother one has at Christiania about one's letters, or at Stockholm about one's Mark Tapley comforted Martin Chuzzlewit, when "things." Mark Tapley comforted Martin Chuzzlewit, when the latter was rather upset about something or other, by telling him that, anyhow, they could express themselves in the English language. This was all very well in America, where, though the inhabitants can hardly be said to so express themselves, they, at any rate, can understand English when it is spoken to them. You may express yourself in your native language to any extent in Norway or Sweden, and, though you may relieve your own feelings, you won't find that doing so brings you any nearer to the object you have in that doing so brings you any nearer to the object you have in view. In the first place, what you say is not understood by those to whom your remarks are addressed; and, in the next place, all Norwegian and Swedish officials are generally more or less asleep, and when awake at all confine themselves to consulting their own interests and those of their friends, or else take a very unnecessary amount of trouble in overhauling you and your belongings. It was my intention when I commenced this paper to write a little more about trout-fishing, and give the readers of the ILLUSTRATED SPORTING AND DRAMATIC News some notes on reindeer-hunting, a sport which I take the opportunity here of stating is not included in the definition "stalking," as generally understood. But I mean to devote this instalment of my "Notes on Norway" to an account of certain grievances, of which, in the first place, I want to get rid myself, and the record of the circumstances attending which may be of two two seconds. the trouble to read it.

to an account of certain grievances, of which, in the first place, I want to get rid myself, and the record of the circumstances attending which may be of use to anyone who takes the trouble to read it.

I felt very much in the same frame of mind as I fancy Mr. Swinburne must have been in when he wrote his "Ballad of Brudens." I have to deal here with a "Bundled of Grievances." When the poet began his verses he made a start with "The Burden of fair women," thus commencing with his latest experience, so far as we can judge from his writings. Commencing with my latest experience, I may at once mention that during a stay of over five weeks in Norway this year I only received one letter from home, though on my return to England I found that I ought to have had at least a dozen. I cannot account for it in any way, but I state it as a fact. Amongst other humours of the Norwegian Post Office is a way they have of opening your letters and returning them to the writer. I should be very sorry indeed to impute motives; but it looks very much as if, when the contents are found to be of no value to anyone but the person to whom a letter is addressed, it is the safest plan to put what is equivalent to "not known" outside the envelope, and return the letter through the Dead Letter Office. I cannot help thinking that there is something wrong somewhere; and, when I found that a letter, most fully and accurately addressed, sent to me this year from a friend in England, was so returned to him, it struck me somehow that whoever had tampered with it thought it better not to send it on to one who might possibly complain of the seal having been broken. I am the more justified in making these remarks, inasmuch as when I was up the country I found that the natives themselves had very little faith in the honesty of the employés of the local office with some letters of his own, and voluntered to take mine. In answer to a question of mine as to whether hely were properly stamped, he replied in the affirmative, and proceeded to write the w

insisted on overhauling every mortal thing in that box of mine

must have been curiosity. There was not the slightest disposition towards dishonesty, and I have so much faith in these publicans as to believe that a laudable anxiety to know a little more about my own country and "the way we live now" prompted those who rather unnecessarily pointed out the peculiar cut of my knickerbockers, or attempted to fathom the mysteries connected with the building of a lady's Norfolk jacket. During the inspection I was a mere looker-on, "smearing myself with patience" to the best of my power, and occasionally tendering various sums of money as payment of duty. My overtures ing various sums of money as payment of duty. My overtures in connection with coin were treated with contempt for some time; and although I was occasionally consulted as to the mode in which aparticular garment was worn, or the use to which a particular article was put, it was two hours before anything was decided as to what was to be done with me and my property. The officials, when they had consulted amongst the results for each time some time are the conficials. themselves for some time, came to the conclusion, so far as I could understand from what they said, that—having had a good morning's amusement—they would find themselves good morning's amusement—they would find themselves justified in merely inflicting a nominal penalty on an offender whose only crime, according to my own ideas, was that he was possessed of something that belonged to himself. They were bound to charge some duty to justify their proceedings, so they began by weighing my empty cartridge-cases, and then levying a sum of money, not amounting to so much as twopence-halfpenny, on them as "manufactured paper;" and finished up by charging me about a halfpenny on an old black silk dress that certainly was of no value to anyone but the owner. I must ask pardon for filling this paper of mine with nothing but grumbling; though I've got more than one thing left about which I shall have a word or two to say next time, and more particularly in connection with the

manner in which law and justice are meted out to wayfarers from abroad, when they are so put out as to appeal to the law of the land in Scandinavia.

## Shooting Notes.

THE STALKING HORSE.

Stalk on, Stalk on, the fowl sits.

Much Ado About Nothing, act ii. scene 3.

The device for approaching birds known as the "stalking-horse," by all accounts, is a very old one in England. Shaks-speare mentions it, not only in the instance above quoted, but again, in As You Like It, act v. scene 4, the great bard says of a character in the plays. a character in the play,

He uses his folly like a stalking-horse, and under the presenta-tion of that he shoots his wit.

Taking Shakspeare's writings all through, they are the best record of old-fashioned sport extant, and they illustrate forcibly how intimately sport and the drama were associated,

even in those days.

Gervaise Markham, author of the celebrated treatise on the "Bow" (which has been translated into every language in Europe), was also the compiler of a very able book on sport, called "The Gentleman's Recreation," published in 1595. Old Gervaise in this work gives the raison d'être for the stalking-

Gervalse in this work gives the raison a etre for the stanking-horse in the following explicit manner:—

"Sometime it so happeneth that the fowl are so shie there is no getting a shoot at them without a 'stalking-horse,' which must be some old jade trained up for the purpose, who will gently, and as you will have him, walk up and down in the

water which way you please, plodding and eating on the grass that grows therein. You must shelter yourself and gun behind his fore shoulder, bending your body down low by his side and keeping his body still full between you and the fowl. Being within shot, take your level from before the fore part of the horse, shooting, as it were, between the horse's neck and the water. . . . Now to supply the want of a stalkinghorse, which will take up a great deal of time to instruct and make fit for this exercise, you may make one of any piece of old canvas, which you must shape into the form of a horse, with the head bending downwards, as if he grazed. You may stuff it with any light matter; and do not forget to paint it of the colour of a horse, of which the brown is the best. . . . It must be made so portable that you may bear it with ease in one hand, moving it so as it may seem to graze as you go. Occasionally the stalking-horse took the form of an ox, now that of a stag, and often represented a tree or bush. It aiways had a spike at the bottom, however, to stick into the ground and support the 'screen' while the fowler took his aim. In the 'Privy purse expenses of King Henry VIII.' are numerous entries about stalking-horses. They all refer, however to the live animal, and one only relating to the stalking-ox."

Any steady old shooting-pony can be used nowadays for the purpose, such as is represented in our Illustration. It is, perhaps, the best "dodge" for circumventing grey and golden plover on the marshes of the seacoast that we know of. Should any of our readers avail themselves of these winkles, perhaps they will kindly report what luck they may experience.

LONG-RANGE SHOT CARTRIDGES.

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Having read your able article about William Moore and Grey's long-range cartridges in a late Number of the Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, perhaps you will allow



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me to make the following remarks about them, having used them from the time they were first introduced, and now that the choke-bore gun is so much written about, and such various opinions given as to its merits, I wish to lay before the shootthe choke-bore gun is so much written about, and such various opinions given as to its merits, I wish to lay before the shooting readers of your Journal the relative value of the two principles—viz., using a gun very much closed in at the muzzle, and a cartridge inclosed in a spiral spring, that gives enormous initial velocity to the charge, with an adequate closeness in shooting, and I think that, after a fair analysis of the two, it will be found, for practical work, that the long-range cartridge is far superior to the choke-bore gun. It is admitted that the choke-bore can and is made to shoot with a very close pattern at a long distance, but as yet I have grave doubts if, with an ordinary charge of powder, it has so much penetration as the old system of boring guns; it certainly has not more, and it has the great disadvantage of always shooting too close for ordinary purposes. Captain Bogardus, the champion American wing shot," when he was shooting pigeons in this country, used a choke-bore gun, No. 12 bore, that weighed over ten pounds, charged with loz of about No. 3 shot, and, with five drachms of powder and under these conditions, he killed his birds in first-rate form. He was asked by an old sportsman why he did not use a seven-pound choke-bore, being so much more convenient. His answer was significant. He showed a very large middle finger of his right hand with chronic swelling, and put it up to his cheek, and said "I have tried a seven-pound choke-bore; the fact is, they do kick something." Now the advantage that is claimed for the long-range cartridge is that it never need be used except when there is a probability of its being required for wild shooting; and, with the ordinary charge of 3 drachms of powder and 1½0z of shot for a twelve-bore gun, it will shoot far harder and closer than any choke-bore can be made to do under similar conditions, and, if anything, with rather less recoil than would be the case with a loose charge in an ordinary bored gun. I strongly recommend those who are not afraid o I consider that any man is properly fitted out for wild shoot-

ing without them, and should he not require them he will have his ordinary bored gun for close quarters. Nor do I think the choke-bored gun to be compared to them for all practical purposes.—Experientia Docet.

#### CHOKE-BORE GUNS.

As an old sportsman I have been asked many times my As an old sportsman I have been asked many times my opinion of the guns used at the late Field gun trial, and I think it only lies between two out of the many competitors—Mr. Greener, the winner with hard shot, and Mr. Baker, who beat the winner with soft shot; in fact, Mr. Baker's guns shot the hard shot, soft shot, and ball, all with good results. Although Mr. Greener won the cup given by the Field, according to the rules of the trial, in my opinion, and in the opinion of many others who watched the trial, the guns of Mr. Baker were the most desirable for the ordinary sportsman. most desirable for the ordinary sportsman.

In regard to the system of choke-boring, taking the pattern

to be 190 to 200 pellets in a 30-inch circle at forty yards, in my opinion, is too close, and most probably will throw the shot bunchy and without regularity.

Now, for all purposes of sport, a 12-bore modified chokebore gun, shooting 1½ oz shot, and putting 220 to 240 pellets on a 36-in. plate, is, to my mind, much more useful than a pure choke-bore gun; and, from my observations at pigeon-matches and sport during the season with choke-bore guns, I have come to this conclusion, in company with many sporting friends, and it is indorsed by Mr. Baker and other well-known gun-I send for your inspection a leveret's ears, which was shot at thirty-five yards, if you think it worth while to mention anything respecting them. SNAP-SHOT.

[The hare's ears are simply "riddled;" and, if they are to be taken as samples of the state of the rest of poor puss's body, it must have been spoiled for human food. This is the result of choke-boring.—Ed. ILLUSTRATED SPORTING AND DRAMATIC

A "WISP" OF SNIPE. (See Illustration.)

"A wisp" is the technical term applied to a flock of snipe by sportsmen. Our Illustration represents "a wisp" of snipe enjoying themselves in a marsh after their own peculiar

fashion. Some of the birds are basking, while others occasionally "bore" with their bills in a lazy manner, on the speculation of drawing a prize from the ooze in the "great worm lottery," for which each bird in the "wisp" holds a life ticket. We are amongst those who think that there is more variety to be had in snipe-shooting than in any other sport. So did somebody else, who has left a poem behind him on "Snipe-Shooting," but who evidently thought his lucubrations not worth the trouble of putting his name to. The stanzas run

A lively sport,
Affording to the fowler's varying hand,
As wheeling, oft returns, though often sprung,
The noisy bird,

Snipe abound in every quarter of the globe. "The grand army," however, breed far north of the United States in the vast marshy tracts which extend inland to the dreary solitudes of the Arctic Ocean.

In those cold regions where no summers cheer, Where brooding darkness covers half the year

In this country the snipe commence arriving about the latter part of September. There are various formulas for hitting a snipe. Some say "wait until he has done wriggling;" others, "hit him the moment he gets up." The writer of this "note" propounded the matter to Captain Bogardus, who summed up the whole affair in a nut-shell by remarking quietly, "Well, I reckon you had better hit a snipe somehow, or he'll make tracks elsewhere." Our own experience is that in windy and cloudy weather snipe lie closer and fly straighter than on bright or frosty days. It is always preferable to walk down wind, as the birds "wheel" round to the right or left of the shooter, as a snipe generally "gets under way" by flying at right angles

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